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## TEMPO



Dante, the Doberman, guards baby Jonathan as he enjoys a nap. Dante found a new home through a local rescue group. See Page 15.

## HISTORY

The day they had been waiting for finally arrived July 12. At a little after 6:30 p.m., Fame was unveiled. Applause rose from the audience, and the ceremony continued. Page 3.

## SPORTS



Leet Township Mepps Master Angler John Hayes and friends enjoy fishing locally and abroad. For more on his sport, See Page 23.

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## REGION



RESIDENTS LOOK over geographical and topographical maps prior to the start of the listening session for the ASO comprehensive plan.

## Residents discuss municipal plan

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

Consultants, local officials and a meager number of residents attended the first public listening session to discuss the Aleppo, Sewickley and Osborne (ASO) Joint Municipal Plan.

With ASO consultants from Environmental Planning and Design, LLC (EPD) present to explain the joint municipal plan process, the meeting was an opportunity for those attending to understand the demographics of each municipality involved and offer suggestions associated with future development, provision of services and possible consolidation of those services.

Described as a "blueprint" for the entire community, EPD consultant Andrew J. Schwartz explained the ASO plan was not a zoning map, but rather a basis for developing a zoning map.

One of the first steps in the process of completing a joint plan is to acquire data about each municipality. With much of this work already collected by the 741+ Visioning and Economic Impact Study, the ASO plan is a step ahead.

"We will be using the material they did to come up with the plan, and I'd like to personally

thank them for their work," said Barbara Carrier, ASO committee president.

The more pertinent demographics that came from the data included the overall population of the area.

Based on the 2000 census, Sewickley's population has seen a substantial decrease in the past 40 years while Osborne has remained relatively constant. Aleppo's population has seen a growth spurt and continues to grow.

In terms of house unit occupancy, all three municipalities have more than 90 percent occupancy rates, with Osborne having the highest owner-occupancy rate at 93 percent. Sewickley, however, has a 58 percent owner-occupied rate in comparison.

Schwartz attributed this statistic to the large amount of subdivided housing units into rentals.

"A lot of those traditional houses are apartments — 17 percent of housing stock in Sewickley has at least 10 units or more, five percent more than what's in Allegheny County," he said.

During public comments, some pointed out the need for more parks and recreation areas, while others expressed concern over rising prop-

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## Bridge closure surprise fixed by council

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

Washington Street residents were caught off guard last week when a bridge connecting their road to Route 65 was closed without prior notice.

Members of council were equally surprised by the closure of the bridge and only learned of it after they were inundated with calls from upset residents.

"Needless to say last Friday was a really stressful day," said Council President Linda Sovich.

"We have assured residents that we (council) are there for their rights."

The bridge is the primary access to Route 65 for homes and businesses along Washington Street, which is located west of Route 65 along the Ohio River.

With the bridge closed, the only access to Route 65 from Washington Street is the intersection of Ferry Street and Route 65, a heavily congested intersection used by tractor-trailer trucks to gain entrance to businesses along the river-side.

Sovich said the bridge closure stemmed primarily from miscommunication.

Without notifying the borough, Leetsdale Industrial Park (LIP) closed the bridge and placed concrete barriers across the bridge in order to clear a Beaver Street landslide that has left a portion of that road closed since the landslide occurred last year.

"Not only did they put barriers up, they didn't mark them well for motorists to see," said

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## Bridge opened to local traffic in borough

Sovich.

LIP acquired the area of land where the landslide is located from the Quaker Valley

School District and plan on using the dirt from the landslide as fill dirt for the expansion the LIP is undergoing. PennDOT and Norfolk Southern Railroad own the

### LEETSDALE

bridge connecting Washington Street to Beaver Road.

Miscommunication resulted when a contractor for LIP closed the bridge prior to a proposed agreement between the two entities being discussed and signed by Leetsdale council.

"Our solicitor was to show us the agreement drafted regarding the matter and in the agreement was a statement that if it was deemed necessary, they would be allowed to close the bridge," said Sovich.

"But we hadn't seen the agreement at the time they closed the bridge. It was a matter of the contractor assuming that he was allowed to do this and he wasn't."

The problem was resolved at a meeting attended by residents of Washington Street, council and LIP officials.

Sovich said the decision was made to keep the bridge open to local traffic only while the landslide is cleared and trucks

transport dirt to LIP.

"The project has started, but we will be taking it on a week-to-week basis to see how it goes and will be conducting weight checks of trucks, but the LIP has always been a good neighbor to us and they understand now that the bridge has to stay open," said Sovich.

Travel through Leetsdale has been taxing, to say the least.

With two sections of Beaver Street closed due to the landslide and a condemned dwelling that poses a danger of collapsing onto the roadway, the closure of the bridge only served to frustrate borough residents further.

"It used to be a breeze to drive to Fair Oaks from Leetsdale," said Sovich.

"It's going to be a really rough two months until the landslide is cleared, but we've already endured seven months of this so hopefully it will go by quickly. We will all be so happy when all of this is over."

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### EDUCATION

## Laughlin Center on solid ground; changes secure finances

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

In the courtyard of the Laughlin Center in Sewickley stands an abstract sculpture, the image of a parent looking at a child seated in his lap.

The parent and child figures are not locked together. Instead, the arms of the parent figure are spread wide open, as if to signify that he is unhindered with a world ready to be discovered.

The sculpture is a fitting correlation to what the Laughlin Center has been incorporating into its philosophy of teaching children over the last 50 years.

"We are here to provide support to children and try to complement what their teacher in their regular classroom is doing in class," said Karen Nickell, executive director at the Laughlin Center.

A nationally accredited non-profit organization, the center provides a variety of services to children from school districts that include Quaker Valley, Moon, Ambridge and many more.

Their scope of work with children includes providing learning support in academics and early childhood, offering psychological counseling and speech

and language therapy.

A misconception of the center is that it serves "special needs" children. This is not an accurate portrayal of the children that come to the Laughlin Center.

"We serve kids who, without some type of intervention, might otherwise fall through the cracks," said Nickell.

"This is mom and dad taking the bull by the horns and saying, 'Something is going on with my child' and getting them help."

The center offers several different approaches to tutoring children, but begins with a comprehensive assessment of a child to determine the strengths and weaknesses.

"While some children who come to Laughlin are doing wonderful in school but may just be having difficulty in one area, for example, math, others may be having difficulty in a speech-related area," said Laurel Echavarria, member of the board of directors at the center.

"What is so unique about us is that we can provide a child that one-on-one tutoring that will allow him/her to learn



the keys to success in the school environment."

Founded in 1956 by Mary and Alexander Laughlin, the center has helped more than 25,000 children find their footing on the path to a successful adulthood.

Success stories abound.

"We've had several people who we have talked to that if it hadn't been for Laughlin," said Echavarria.

"And we have a waiting list to the center as well, which is a nice affirmation that we are doing our job."

Through the generosity of donors to the center, fund-raising efforts and the support of the Laughlin family, the center is able to keep its fees reasonable.

Financial assistance is also available to families that qualify.

"We won't turn any child away and if they qualify, then they have it," said Nickell.

The past month has proved difficult for the Laughlin Center. In June, Dorinda Taylor, a former business manager for the center, was charged with two counts each of theft and forgery of

over \$120,000 from the center.

The alleged embezzlement was found after an independent audit of the Laughlin Center.

During this time, however, the center has received tremendous support from the Laughlin family and parents who bring their children to the center.

"People have just been wonderfully supportive during this difficult time," said Echavarria.

"What we want people to know is that all client fees and donations were properly credited," said Theresa Kaufman, public relations director at Laughlin Center.

For each year that the alleged embezzlement occurred, Nickell said the loss amounted to less than two percent of the center's operating budget.

"We have changed our internal system so this will not happen again," said Nickell.

"We have not hired a new business manager and have taken the functions that one person had been responsible for and put in a system of checks and balances in terms of finances to be sure that this does not happen again."

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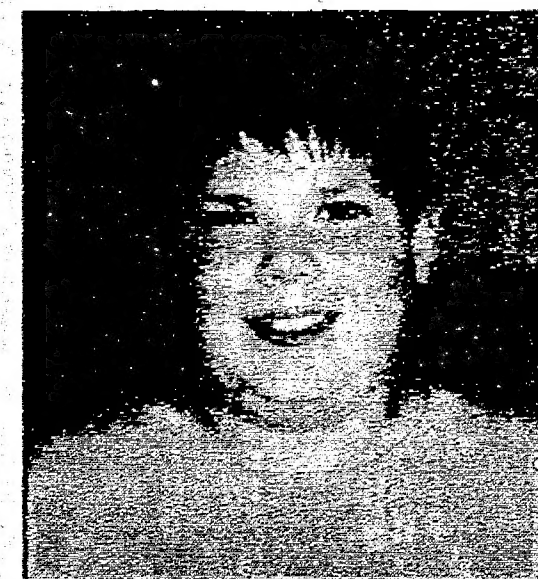
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Brookline  
"...an elephant because they get to eat during the circus."



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"...a monkey. They act wild and crazy."



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## EDITORIAL

### Give them what they want — a referendum

It's a wonder more people don't run for state office. After all, there aren't many jobs that afford employees the power to grant themselves pay increases of any size, let alone ones of 16 percent.

Yet that's exactly what our legislature did last week when it hiked its base pay from \$69,647 to \$81,000. The increase kicks in after the 2006 general election.

Sixty percent of the local legislators voted against the increase, with local state Rep. Mark Mustio, among others, in favor. (See Page 8 for story.)

While it's nice to see a majority of local officials choosing not to deepen the public trough, we don't begrudge workers a wage increase. But they shouldn't have the authority to give it to themselves.

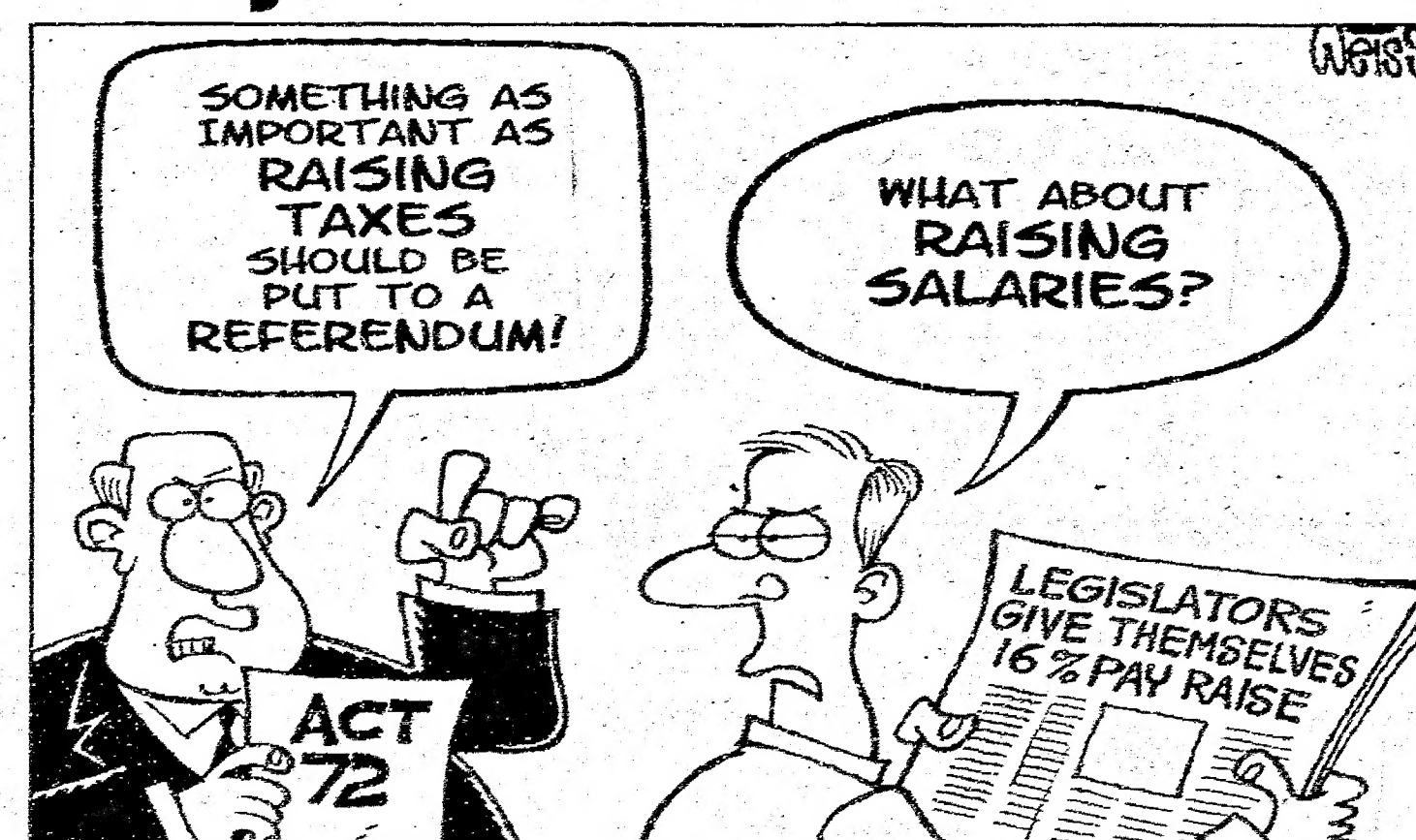
So, given the legislature's insistence of shoving Act 72 down our throat despite overwhelming opposition to the gambling revenue plan, we say have it your way.

Let's put the pay increase to a referendum vote.

After all, referendum is the word du jour in Harrisburg.

When the legislature reconvenes after its summer recess — feel free, dear reader, to grumble at this point about how some state officials defend the increase by calling themselves a full-time body — one of the issues it will tackle is a second effort on Act 72.

In exchange for some gambling revenue, Act 72 would limit how much a



school board can raise taxes. If a school board wants to raise taxes above the limit, it would be forced to put the issue to a referendum vote. Given how costly school renovation work can be, most school boards blanch at the thought of convincing voters to raise their own taxes.

As if that referendum weren't enough democracy for the gang in Harrisburg, legislators will consider putting the Act 72 issue itself to a referendum vote for the 80 percent of school districts across the state that rejected it.

As the proposal stands now, only the districts that displeased Harrisburg with their vote will enjoy the freedom of

this vote; the electorate in districts that embraced Act 72 wouldn't be afforded the chance to override their school board's decision.

Well, let's stick with the power-to-the-people approach. Let them decide if the legislature deserves a pay raise.

And while we're at it, let's put to referendum the \$126 per diem that is paid to elected officials and all their other perks, such as the monthly car allowance.

What's good for local voters regarding Act 72 is good for the legislature.

Let's put it to a vote and see what the people think about this pay raise.

Brian Estadt, Gateway editor

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Memories keep flowing near the Ohio

Dear Editor:

I'm sure there are many who think that the river is one big swimming pool?

Not so. My family lived less than a block away from the beautiful Ohio. My mother promised all of us a good whip-

ping if we went near that river. And you know what? The five boys she had all lived to be 60+.

In my 80 years, I have seen them drag quite a few out of the beautiful Ohio.

She, herself, saved a woman

from drowning at Walnut Beach about 1910-1920; her son, 83, is still here today.

Amen!

Robert Edger  
Sewickley

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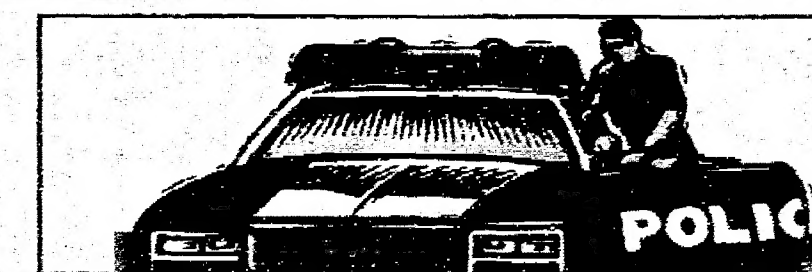
Residents:

The Borough of Edgeworth, along with Sewickley, Osborne, Sewickley Heights and Leet Township have experienced thefts from vehicles parked in residential driveways and in open or unlocked garages.

These thefts are primarily occurring late at night or in the early morning hours.

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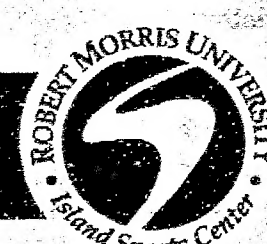
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## Nagel named 'fast tracker' by city publication

Sewickley resident Joel Nagel, a local law firm founder, Nicaragua real estate developer and Western Pennsylvania Rotary leader, has been named a "2005 Fast Tracker" by the Pittsburgh Business Times.

He is the only law firm founder to receive this award, which pays tribute to Pittsburghers under the age of 45 who are making a difference in their business and community.

Nagel, 39, was honored for his work as founding partner of Sewickley's Nagel & Associates law firm, Pittsburgh's first law boutique focusing exclusively on international commercial transactions; as legal counsel and chief financial officer of the Gran Pacifica hotel resort now under construction in Nicaragua; and as incoming District 7300 Governor of Rotary International.

### CAREER NEWS

Among Nagel's other accomplishments are creating the first African and Central American motorbus distribution facility for a major US bus line; and establishing world wide financial institutions for banks, insurance companies, hedge funds and mutual funds.

He serves on the boards of 15 client-companies, as well as on the advisory board of the Western Pennsylvania Adventure Capital Fund, which invests in early stage, mostly technology companies in southwestern Pennsylvania.

He also is board president of the Nicaraguan Development Corp. and is an advisory board member of the Oxford Club and Ireland-based Sovereign Society and

the Violeta Barrios de Chamorro Foundation in Nicaragua.

In 2005-2006, Nagel will serve as district governor for Rotary's District 7300, with 1,500 members in 51 clubs in Allegheny, Beaver and Westmoreland counties.

Earlier, in 2001-2002, he was president of the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh, launching the annual "Ducky Derby" fund-raiser.

He helped solicit donations and land for the Roberto Clemente Health Clinic in LaReforma, Nicaragua.

Nagel was an attorney with Buchanan Ingersoll, one of the nation's largest law firms, earlier in his career.

He is a former Fulbright Scholar and studied law in Europe. He speaks fluent German.

Nagel and his wife Susan have six children.

### HARRISBURG

## Pay raise to fund staffer

Since the vote of the state legislature last week, Rep. Mark Mustio's salary increase, approximately \$11,403, will go toward the hiring of an additional district office staff person to work primarily on assisting local seniors with prescription drug assistance applications before the federal Medicare prescription drug program takes full effect in 2006.

Mustio voted for the salary increase.

"As an elected public servant who already receives a good salary, I simply cannot justify pocketing this automatic pay raise for myself when so many older Allegheny County residents are forced to choose between paying their property taxes in order to keep their homes or paying for prescription medicine in order to survive," Mustio said in a statement on his official Web site.

This new position in his offices (one in Moon Township, the other in Sewickley) will focus on the individual needs of local senior citizens and help to raise awareness of services and benefits available.

Earlier this year, Mustio turned down the use of the taxpayer-funded automobile, declined to accept reimbursement for mileage incurred while driving in the district, and returned more than \$4,000 in unused funds from his office expense account.

The second-term legislator donated his only previous cost of living increase to charity.

There is a contract pending for the position.

"The amount of inquiries my district offices field from our elderly constituents and their families regarding how this new Medicare program will be integrated with current federal and state prescription drug plans such as PACE and PACENET continues to grow on a daily basis," Mustio said.

Calls, letters and drop-ins are welcomed at Mustio's Sewickley office on Broad St. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

His aide can be reached at 412-749-4727 or (fax) 412-749-4730, or in Harrisburg at 717-787-6651.

## Village merchants contend with construction project

By Kyle Adams

Herald intern

As Sewickley residents grow accustomed to the orange detour signs surrounding the major Broad Street construction project, many local businesses are weary of the project and the economic impact it's having on them.

"I don't like to be negative, but it has impacted our business," said Paula Morgan, owner of TravelWares on Broad Street.

Like Morgan, other business owners around the area are feeling the effects of the construction project that has forced the Ohio River Boulevard traffic away from Broad Street.

While people can still park on part of Broad Street for the time being, some are disappointed with what they feel to be a lack of clarity in the signs.

According to China Palace owner Doris Chen, the "sign isn't clear enough."

She argued that the borough has not made it apparent to

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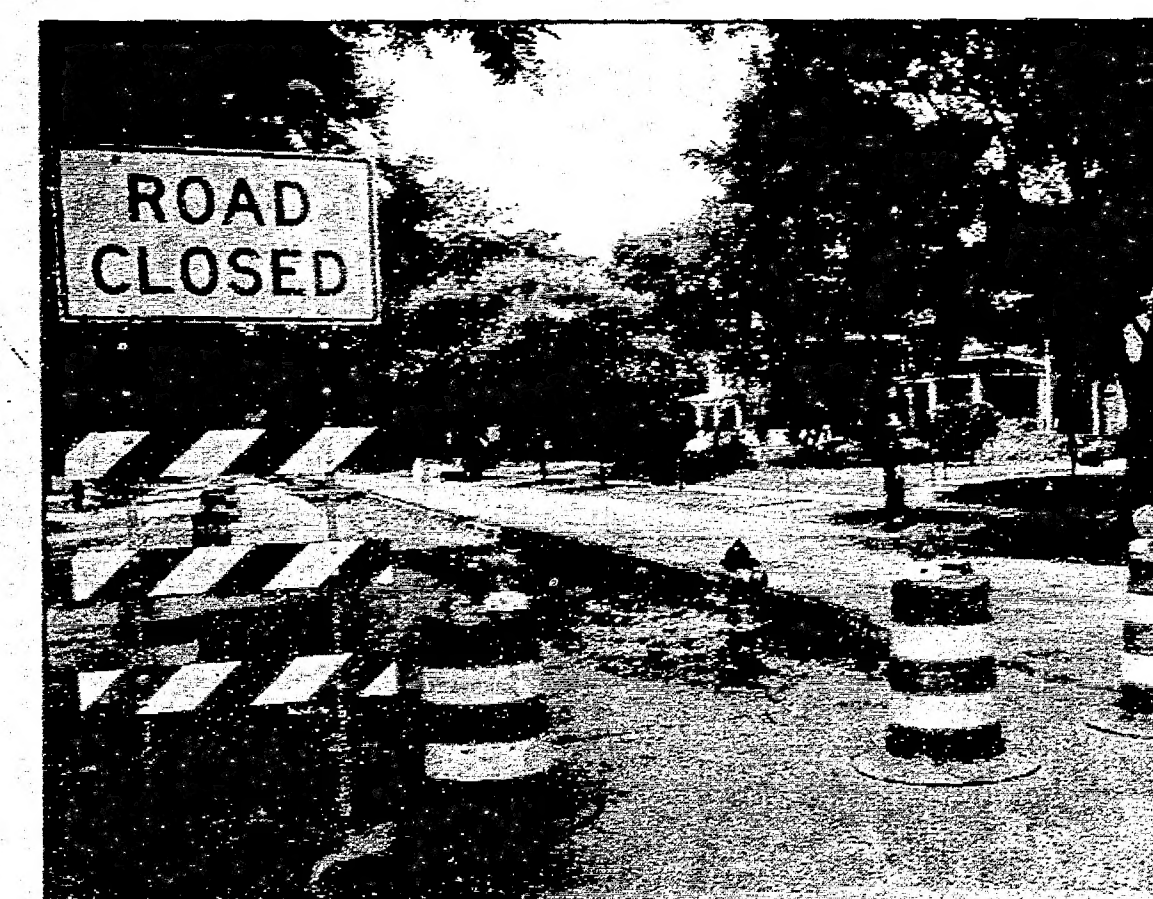
drivers that some parking on Broad Street remains open even while construction continues on the other part of the street.

However, her problems extend beyond the signage. She claimed sales are down 35 percent since June 5 and that her inquiries to the borough have been met with silence.

Manager Chuck Galvan, said he was disappointed at how "quiet" the borough has been through the whole process.

In an effort to counter the negative effects of the construction, the borough has made metered parking in the village free after 1:30 p.m. on weekdays. Still, some see this as a symbolic move with little real benefits.

"The free parking is a token because most women do their shopping in the morning," said Melissa Cook, manager of The Gift Corner on Broad Street.



THE BROAD Street project has closed portions of the main route into Sewickley. Walnut Street is the detour through the village.

She said that while the borough "did all they could," free parking all day would boost business revenue.

Still, Cook sees problems for Sewickley beyond the tempo-

rary construction project. For her, it's simply compounding the village's pre-existing economic problems.

"This is another nail in the coffin of the economy of this

town," she said.

While some businesses are struggling through the construction-ridden summer, others, like Ross Kistler, owner of Kistler's Barber Shop on Broad Street, said he has seen little change in terms of his business output.

"I haven't noticed it yet," he said.

He nonetheless conceded that things might change when the construction reaches the part of Broad Street in front of his shop.

Robin Hayes, co-owner of Party Ants on Broad Street also expressed some concern over the next stage in the construction that will block off the shops from car access.

While most businesses on Broad Street are simply enduring the summer's construction, others, like Bailey and Bailey on Walnut Street are finding fortune in the project because of the detour that routes Sewickley-bound Ohio River Boulevard traffic by their store.

"It's great for us," said Angelique Badamo, manager.

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### Bill signed for Russo Highway

Legislation spearheaded by state Sen. John Pippy and Rep. Mark Mustio to rename a portion of Rt. 65 in honor of the late District Magistrate James Russo has been signed into law by the governor.

Act 56 designates a portion of Rt. 65 around Leetsdale the "James E. Russo Highway."

Judge Russo passed away in April 2004 after serving as district magistrate for 29 years.

The legislation will take

effect in 60 days.

"I am grateful to my legislative colleagues for moving this through the General Assembly so quickly, and to the governor for signing it into law," said Pippy.

"Judge Russo spent nearly three decades administering justice in the community and is entirely deserving of this honor."

Mustio described Russo as a "community role model."

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# Out and About

## Mill Run

### Bear Run Nature Reserve inspired Fallingwater

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Associate Editor

Everyone knows about Fallingwater. Tens of thousands from all around the globe flock to it each year.

But only a small percentage of Fallingwater tourists take time to inspect the land on which the home was built. And more importantly, from which it was inspired.

Adjoining Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece and Ohiopyle State Park is the Bear Run Nature Reserve. The 5,000-acre natural area is owned and operated by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, which also owns the majestic domicile.

Nestled along the western slope of Laurel Ridge in Fayette County, Bear Run boasts more than 20 miles of blazed trails through a veritable wonderland of dense forests, lush vegetation, sparkling streams and a gorge overlook.

These are the trees, rocks, cliffs, plants, animals and waterfalls that stirred the



**MILES AND miles** of trails are cut and blazed throughout the reserve.



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imagination of the famed architect some 70 years ago. It was his full embracing and love of this land and its natural beauty

that led him to design a home that did not conquer the land on which it would be built, rather it became part of it.

"It's all about the experience. To get a sense of the place. Get a sense of where you are. To take it all in with your

eyes, ears, nose and mouth," says Susan Nicholson, tour guide.

"That's what Wright did when he first came here in December of 1934. He saw the order of nature and recreated it in the home."

At that time Bear Run was much different from what it is today. The town was a tiny rural community with little more than a one-room schoolhouse, church and post office.

The Kaufmann family, for whom the house was built, fell in love with the natural elegance of the land and didn't want to disrupt it too much to build their home.

"When there was a design problem Wright didn't change the site, he changed the house," Nicholson says.

Today the town of Bear Run has blended into the neighboring community of Mill Run. But the reserve remains a rich outdoor playground welcoming hikers, bikers, campers, backpackers and photographers

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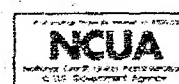
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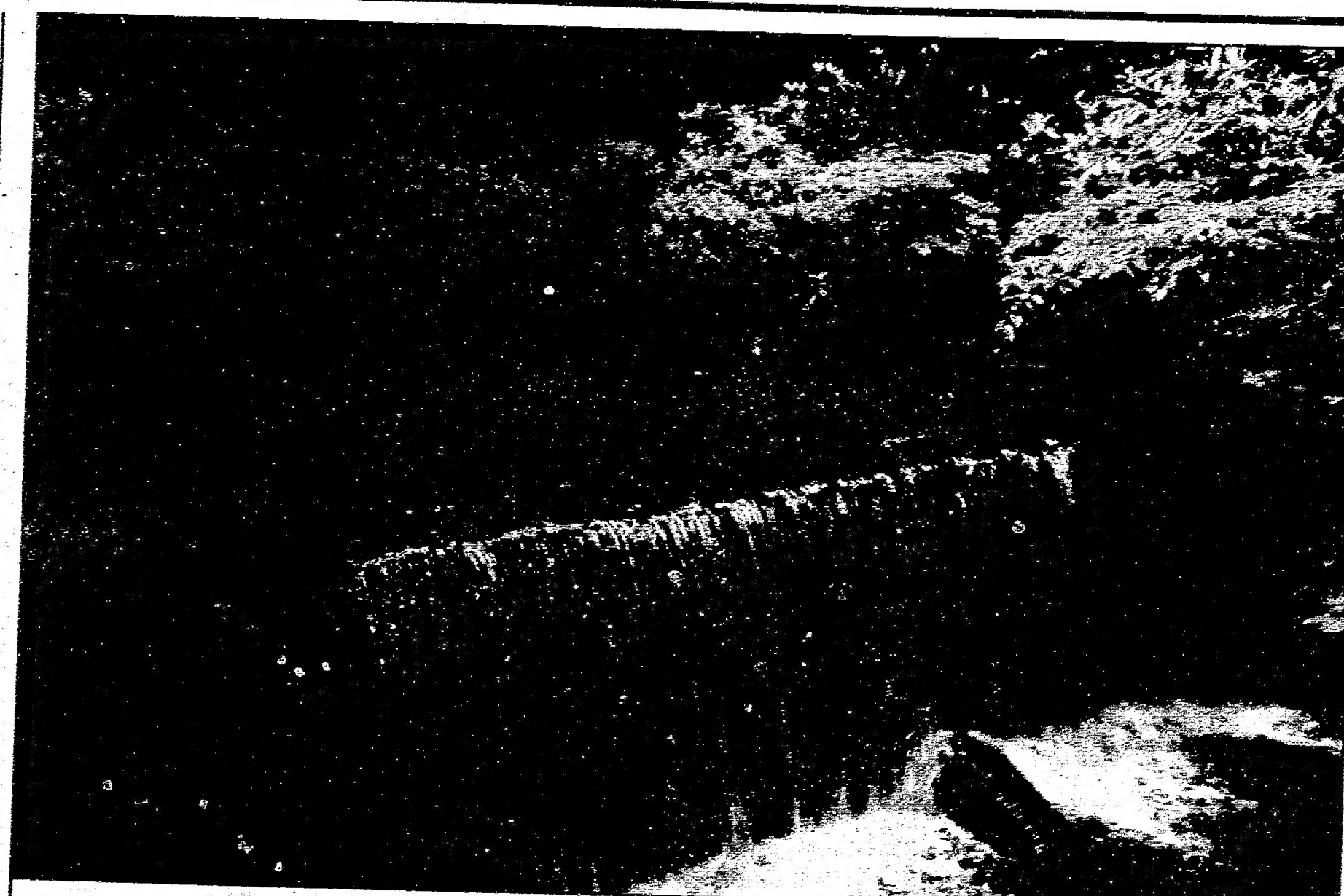
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## Bear Run Reserve

alike. Miles of blazed trails zig-zag through the property and range from easy strolls to rugged climbs.

The Arbutus Trail (.9 mi) is a pleasant trail through dense rhododendron thickets, with many views of the stream for which the area was named. Bear Run stream is a fast moving body of water that drops 1,470 feet in elevation over its four-mile course.

Bear Run never dries up and it joins the Youghiogheny River at the infamous dimple rock, which is the sight of numerous white-water rafting hangups. The water from the stream was used as drinking water until a few years ago when the conservancy was forced to switch to municipal water.

Other well-traveled trails in the reserve include the aptly-named Hemlock Trail (1.6 mi) that is a steep loop through a stand of virgin Hemlock trees. An old farm road called the Peninsula Trail (2.5 mi) is a favorite spot for ornithologists and those seeking a view of the gorge. And the Saddle Trail (.3 mi) is the best place to see and smell the seasonal wildflowers.

Snow Bunny Trail (1.1 mi) is wide, level and perfect for cross-country skiers and hikers of all fitness levels and ages. While the Teaberry Trail (.7 mi), a rugged, narrow switch that runs through a part of the forest that has thick undergrowth, is best left for experienced hikers.

Since the park is open 365 days a year at no charge to the public, anyone can come anytime to explore the natural grace of the land. Six walk-in campsites are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

And as Denise Miner, public tour manager, says, visitors need to come during all four seasons to really appreciate all the reserve has to offer. And

as a lifelong resident of the immediate area, she would know.

Those who come and explore on their own can discover a hidden world blanketed in silence save for the sound of Bear Run stream. And a few steps later the chirp of a bird is the only audible sound.

Some points of the trail are flooded with sunlight (that is if the sun is out) while other parts are so covered by the canopy of trees that it is almost dark at all times.

Vegetation ranges from Mountain Laurel (the state flower) and teaberries to tulip trees and sassafras. And don't forget to take deep breaths when crossing the streams because the flowing water oxygenates the air making it literally a breath of fresh air.

If outdoor enthusiasts don't want to miss so much as one hidden piece of information or insight into this muse, then the Land of Fallingwater Tour is the way to go. Guides like Nicholson, who has been leading tours for more than a decade, have an enormity of information to share, such as pointing out the rare striped-maple tree or history of how the Appalachians were formed millions of years ago.

Nicholson is also quick to point out the conservancy manages the land as minimally as possible.

"Felled trees are left because they provide nutrients to the soil as well as shelter for animals and a place for mushrooms to grow," she says.

Tour guides also point out specific parts of the landscape that spurred Wright, such as the layered rock formations that jut out from the hillside. This was where the idea came for the multi-leveled home perched on an incline.

And the idea for the flat roof came from the waterfalls of Bear Run, according to guide Laird

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# TEMPO

## DOG DAYS

## Rescue group matches Dobermans with homes

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

**W**hen Dante first arrived at Doberman Rescue Inc., he was quite simply, a nervous wreck.

Shuffled between seven dog foster homes and eventually found living on the streets and eating out of trash cans, Dante, a pure bred, fully grown Doberman, was taken in by Candie D'Avirro, president of the organization.

"Dante came to us suffering from a severe case of separation anxiety," Candie explains, "I couldn't leave him home alone without him destroying everything in the house."

When Candie would leave for work she would tell Dante she would be back soon. Then she'd drive to the neighbors home and park, sprint the distance back to her house and burst in to find Dante grabbing things from the countertops.

Each time, Candie told him "No" and Dante would stop and lay down. This somewhat humorous series of events took place four or five times a day for many days, Candie says.

Then, one day, Candie walked through the door of her home, not to trash and belongings strewn about but to a remarkable site — on the floor in front of the kitchen sink, Dante had placed a small pile of Candie's clothes, and around the clothes, Dante had arranged her shoes in a semicircle, and there, in the semicircle, lay Dante.

Candie couldn't help but laugh with relief. Her hard work in freeing Dante of his separation anxiety had paid off.

"I worked with him for two years and to this day, if I am away for longer than Dante thinks I should be, I will walk in to that display and Dante laying in the middle," says Candie.

"He is an excellent dog. Children love him and he is so patient and at ease now."

Dante's story is just one in a long line of stories, some heartbreaking and some hopeful, that Candie and volunteers of Doberman Rescue Inc. have encountered.



**VOLUNTEERS OF the Doberman Rescue Mission in Sewickley are guided by founder, Candie D'Avirro (far right).**

Photo by Laura Halleman

A non-profit organization located in Sewickley, the group has been rescuing Dobermans of all types and sizes from shelters, abuse, streets and owners who are no longer able or willing to care for them.

Offering a temporary sanctuary to this breed since its inception five years ago, the organization has rescued hundreds of Dobermans from across the United States.

Their primary goal is to find the Dobermans safe, suitable and loving homes.

"Our process of placing a Doberman with a family is very thorough," says Sue Szyklinski, a volunteer.

"We have an application, reference check and also compare the dogs with the person or family who is interested in adopting them."

"Candie is excellent at matching the personality of our Dobermans with (those) interested in adopting. We have a very high success rate of adoption because of this."

Included in the adoption process is a home visit to the potential adopter of a Doberman.

"Dobs can be very active, high energy dogs and because we spend time with them in our homes until they are

adopted, we work with them and test them on their compatibility with children and interaction with other dogs and cats. It's kind of like a mini boot camp for them," says Sue.

"Candie has a motto for the home visit: 'If you won't leave your own dog there, we won't leave a rescue dog there either.'"

Although the organization has limited space to house Dobermans until they are adopted, it is hard for the volunteers to say no if they are contacted to take one in.

And they are contacted often, through shelters in states as far away as Kentucky. There, in turn, lies another hurdle for the organization to clear. Transporting a Doberman from out of state to Sewickley is not only costly, but time consuming.

Volunteers called "transporters" use their own vehicles and gas to pick up the dogs and bring them back to Candie. Often it will take hundreds of miles and several "transporters" meeting along the way to complete the journey.

And sometimes, those who transport the dogs might find themselves becoming attached to them.

Carly Joseph, a volunteer who was

transporting Kyla, a nine-month-old Doberman who was found wandering along an interstate in West Virginia by a motorist, says she didn't know at the time she was transporting Kyla that she would eventually adopt her.

"I just kind of feel like she was meant to be with me and I fell in love with her," says Carly.

The fact that Doberman Rescue Inc. has no paid staff is a testimony to those who work so hard to care for and train the dogs that come to the organization. Funds to keep the rescue mission afloat come from donations and the adoption fees charge, and when that is not enough, Candie, herself.

"She would never tell you this herself, but I have seen her dip into her own checking account

many times when dog food is needed or vet bills need to be paid," says Lori Berzonski, Candie's daughter.

Many of the Dobermans come with a certain amount of baggage, but they are taught basic obedience and manners during their foster time at the rescue. But more importantly, they are given the love and attention that was lacking in their lives.

The success stories are proof of this. Take for instance a woman who made the decision to adopt a special needs Doberman. The woman was matched with a female Doberman whose hind legs were wobbly and had difficulty walking at times.

When Candie told the woman about this, the woman, who suffered from multiple sclerosis, said, "That's okay, mine don't work too well either."

Prior to adoption, all Dobermans are spayed or neutered and receive updated shots.

Cost of adoption ranges from \$175 for younger or healthier dogs to \$75 for special needs dogs.

To adopt, volunteer or contribute to Doberman Rescue Inc., contact Candie D'Avirro at 724-251-9024 or 724-816-3215, or visit [www.dobermanrescueinc.net](http://www.dobermanrescueinc.net).



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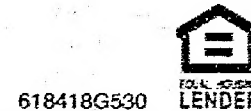
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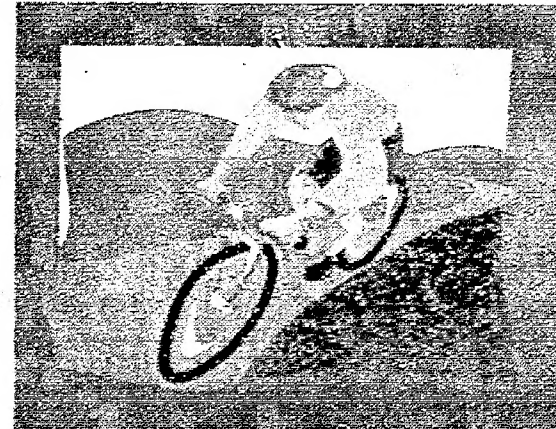
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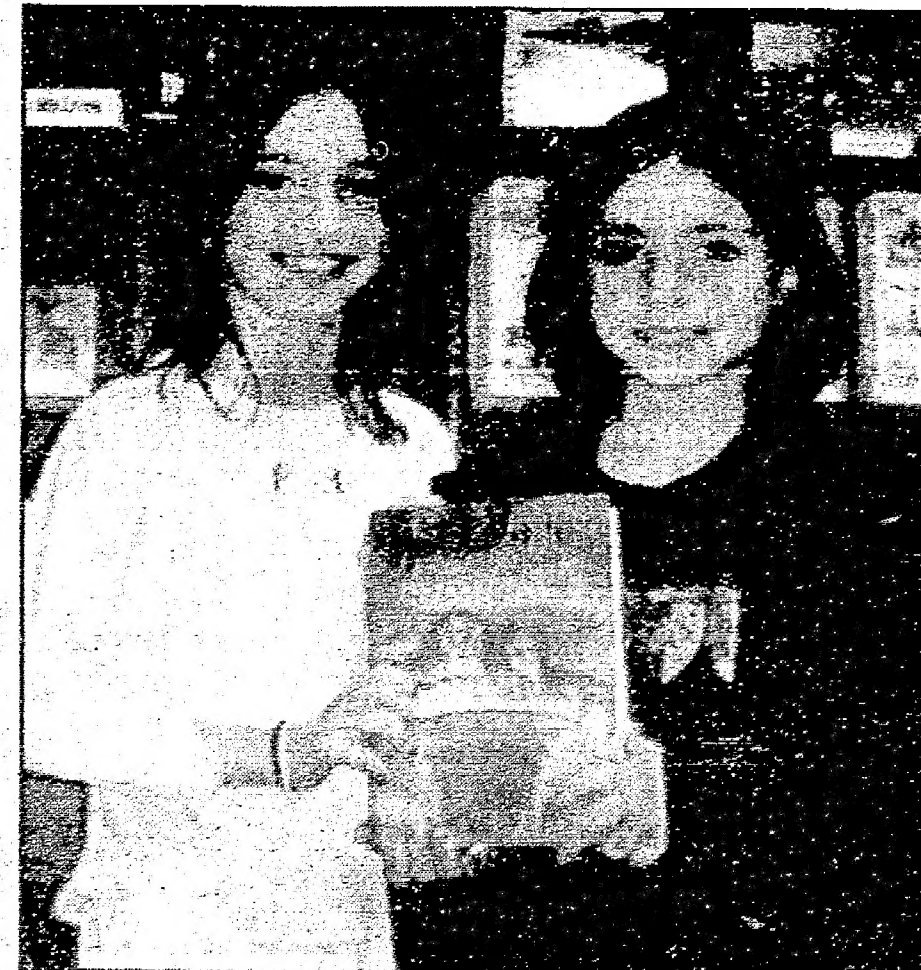
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Photos by Laura Halleman



### ON THE CALENDAR

## Verland plans golf outing fund-raiser

Verland will hold its 23rd annual golf outing at The Club at Nevillewood on Monday, Aug. 8.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. A buffet luncheon will be served at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

Dinner and the awards banquet will follow the outing.

For more information, call Arlene Connors at 412-741-2578.

### Senior Men's Club

Members of the Senior Men's Club will welcome Kristin Kniss, a Moon Township resident, who served at the U.S. embassy in Germany as a paid intern earlier this year.

Her topic will be "U.S.-German Relations."

The club meets at Sewickley Valley YMCA every Friday at 10 a.m. Members gather at 9:30

a.m. for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

Area retired men are invited to attend the meetings and to join the club.

### Reunion

Classes from Sewickley High School 1950-1956 will hold their reunion on Saturday, Aug. 13, at The Hyatt, Pittsburgh International Airport.

### DAY IN THE PARK



**THE SIDEWALK** was the canvas for artist Annie Stanley, 2.



**MEMBERS OF Sewickley Valley Hospital** (above) Bonnie Batina, Doris Stieving and Barb Frey and Charlotte Bober, president, hosted a Kids Day in Wolcott Park in honor the organization's 100th anniversary. Old fashioned fun included refreshments from Ice Works, balloons from Party Ants and fun with Tootles the Clown.



**KIDS OF** all ages enjoyed the ride in the 1923 Dodge Bros. truck owned by Rick Brown.

Photos by D.S.Dreeland

### ALL THAT JAZZ

## Sweetwater showtimes

This summer, Friday evenings will be alive with the sound of music as Sweetwater Center for the Arts hosts musicians at 200 Broad St., Sewickley.

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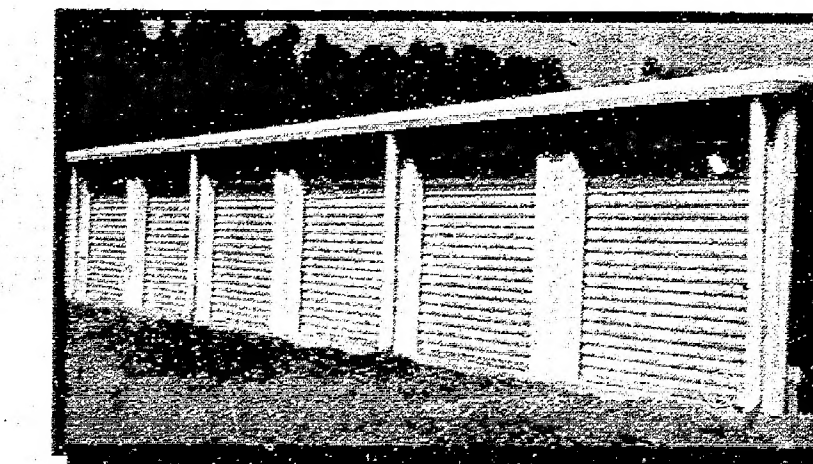
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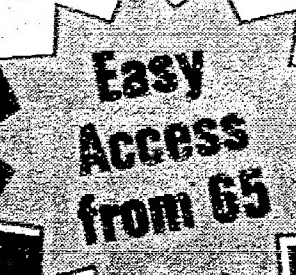


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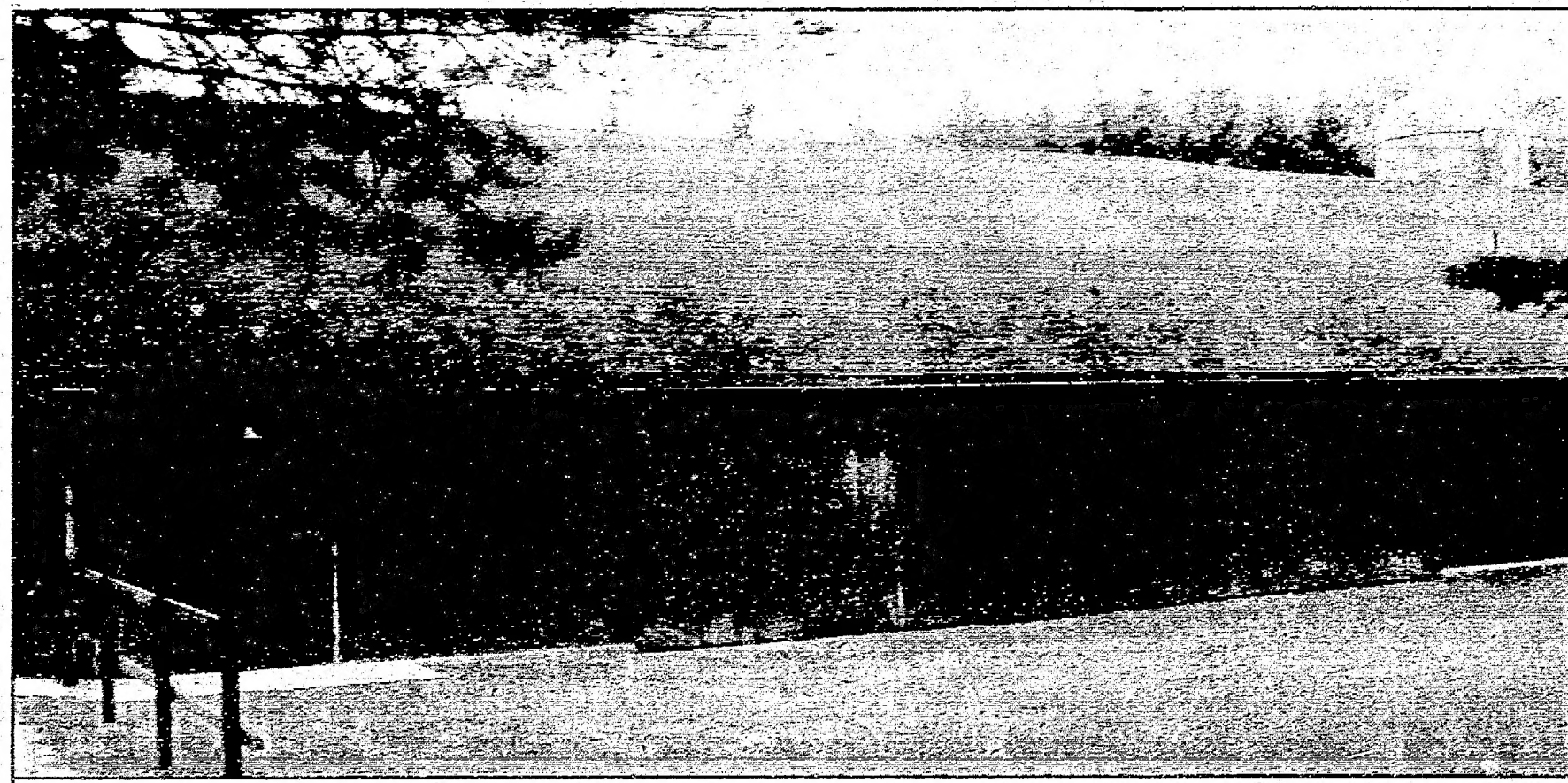




# Bear Run Nature Reserve



**TOUR GUIDE** Susan Nicholson points out the needles on a Hemlock tree, which is the state tree.



**THE LAND** of Fallingwater Tour begins at the old barn across Route 381 from Fallingwater and lasts for three hours, ending back at the house.

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**TAKING PART** in this year's Vacation Bible School at Sewickley United Methodist Church were (above) Emilie Scott as "Pelle the Clown" and (at left) Sydney Lane, 9, and Paige Lenhardt, 3. The theme was "Circus Spectacular" with the Rev. Barry Lewis as ringmaster and Chris Nickell and Katherine Flaherty as Davey and Goliath.

## Grief support

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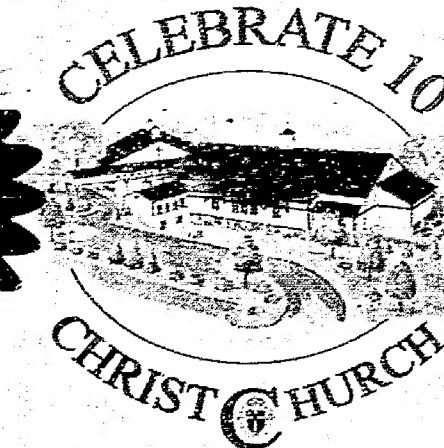
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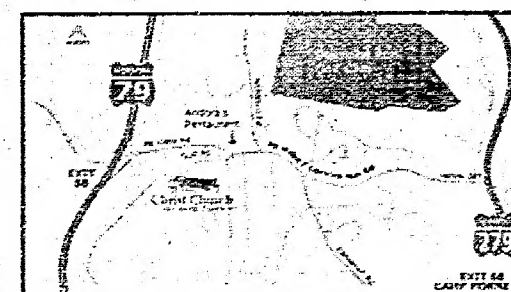
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## Meredith McCandless Sr., 87, at his home in Florida

Meredith G. McCandless Sr., 87, passed away peacefully at his home in Lantana, Fla., on June 23, 2005, and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He had been married to his late wife, Lynda Bowman McCandless, of Sewickley, for 58 years.

He was born in Butler, and relocated to Florida in 1958.

Mr. McCandless was a proud World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army Air Corp as a staff sergeant in the 2nd Photo Procurement Detachment, serving in the China Offensive and in India.

He had been decorated with two Bronze Stars for meritorious service among other decorations and citations. He was honorably discharged in November 1945.

He made his early living as a photographer and owned a photography studio in Sewickley. He relocated to Florida where he continued his photography trade until his retirement.

He is survived by his daughter, Lyn McWilliams, of Elgin,

Ariz.; his son, Meredith G. McCandless Jr., and his wife Desarae (Desi) of Palm Coast, Fla.; his youngest son, Hugh L. McCandless, and his wife, Sheri of Loxahatchee, Fla.; his grandson, David Castelli Jr. of Sorento, Fla.; his granddaughter, Heather Langworthy of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and his granddaughter, Melissa McCandless of Palm Coast, Fla.; sisters, Geneva Bulford of Andover, N.J., and Jean Perry of Frederick, MD; by brothers Clarence (Skip) McCandless of Collegedale, Tenn., and James Lamont McCandless of Industry, Pa.; and by his nephew, Kenneth McCandless of Ellwood City, Pa.

He will be buried in the new National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, in Washington County.

Condolences can be sent in the online guest book at [www.Quattlebaum.org](http://www.Quattlebaum.org), or to make donations in lieu of flowers to the charity of their choice.

Quattlebaum Funeral Home made the arrangements.

### IN MEMORY

**Patricia Talarico**  
Born in Sewickley

Patricia (Gratzer) Talarico, 46, of Matlacha Island, Fla., formerly of Moon Township, died July 1, 2005.

She was born in Sewickley on Oct. 5, 1958, a daughter of Dorothy (Morris) Gratzer of Moon and the late Richard Gratzer.

Mrs. Talarico was a member of St. Joseph Church. She was active in the Matlacha Hookers, a charity that works for the benefit of children and the sick.

She worked at Swan Label and Tag.

She will be remembered as the "life of the party," and one who enjoyed life to its fullest.

In addition to her mother, surviving are her sister, Carol, and her husband, Dino Bartolomucci of Coraopolis; her brother, James Gratzer and his wife, JoLana, of Moon; and a nephew and niece, Peter and Danielle Bartolomucci.

She will be missed by relatives and friends in Coraopolis and Matlacha.

Friends were received in Copeland's Coraopolis Funeral,

where a blessing service was held. Entombment was in Coraopolis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice and Palliative Care, 250 Mt. Lebanon Boulevard, Suite 204, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15234 or to American Cancer Society.

**Harold Dix**  
Army veteran

Harold Glenn Dix, 65, of Evansville, Ind., died July 2, 2005 at River Point Health Campus in Evansville.

He was born Dec. 24, 1939, in Kansas City, Mo., son of Robert J. and Glendene (Evans) Dix.

He served as an officer in the U.S. Army and was attached to USAREUR in Heidelberg, Germany.

He graduated with a law degree from the University of Missouri. He worked for Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh for 30 years and served as assistant general counsel at American General Finance in Evansville.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years Linda (Morales) Dix of Evansville; one son and his wife, Brendan and Jaimie Dix of Evansville and their daughter, Carina Noelle Dix.

Harold also is survived by

several nieces, nephews and wife's brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family requests contributions be made to the Hope Cancer Center. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.arborcremation.com](http://www.arborcremation.com)

**Lois Cumashot Emerick**  
Sewickley resident

Lois (Cumashot) Emerick, 74, a lifelong resident of Sewickley, passed away June 29, 2005, at Sewickley Valley Hospital.

She was born May 22, 1931, in Sewickley Valley Hospital to the late Nicholas and Anna (Polica) Cumashot.

Mrs. Emerick was a member of Christ Church at Grove Farm, Sewickley Hospital Auxiliary, Sewickley Music Club, former member of Ambridge Country Club and one of eight original members of a bridge club in existence for more than 35 years.

In her early career, she was private secretary at Reliance Life Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh and later became a sales clerk and bookkeeper for Tots'n'Teens.

She was most loved as a wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Fred Emerick; her three daughters: Cynthia Emerick of Crescent, Cathleen Wright of Virginia Beach and Elizabeth Bolea of Hopewell and Thomas Molitor of Crescent. Survivors also include her four grandchildren: Kurtis and Michael Wright and Alexander and Olivia Bolea.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Cumashot.

Memorials may be made to Christ Church at Grove Farm, 249 Duff Road, Sewickley 15143 or Laughlin Library, 11th and Maplewood, Ambridge 15003.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's, Sewickley.

# SPORTS



Peanut  
Heaven

By Jon Paul  
Creese

## Amateur boat crew takes on River Dragon

After interviewing a group of Sewickley women who participated in the Three Rivers Regatta Dragon Boat Races (see "Oriental-style Regatta race draws trio" in the July 13 edition of the Sewickley Herald), I decided to contact Three Rivers Rowing Association to get some information on the mysterious sport with roots steeped in ancient Chinese mythology.

To my great excitement (and eventual discomfort — I spent the majority of the afternoon wondering if anyone else's butt was as sore as mine), the association was offering free races to attract some newbies to the sport; and my girlfriend, Susie, and I were invited.

Before I get into my own experience with dragon boat racing, here is a little history that pervades the challenging paddle sport.

According to a reliable Internet Web site, 2,000 years ago in China, there lived a great patriot/poet named Qu Yuan, who championed political reform.

For many years, the civic-minded poet provided counsel to the emperor and held sway with the government. But the emperor eventually succumbed to the influence of corrupt ministers and banished Qu Yuan from the kingdom.

"Left to wander in the countryside," the site reports, "Qu Yuan composed some of China's greatest poetry expressing his fervent love for his country ... then leaped into the Mi Lo River holding a great rock."

Legend has it that Qu Yuan was very highly esteemed by the common folk, who raced out in their fishing boats and began to beat on drums and splash oars on the water, trying to keep large fish and river-dwelling

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## Gone fishin'



## Local angler makes up for lost time

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Outdoor sports thrive in Western Pennsylvania, specifically, the Sewickley Valley area, according to Leet Township resident John Hayes.

After a long sabbatical squandered away on trivialities, like golf and raising children, Hayes bought a boat and is back on the scene with his fishing buddies, locally and abroad.

"I fished when I was a kid," Hayes remembered. "Then I had kids growing up; I got into golf .... I forgot what it was all about."

"Out on the water, you forget everything," he mused. "It's very peaceful."

And since his return, it hasn't taken Hayes long to claim a role in an exclusive caste of avid sportsmen. He was named a Master Angler by Mepps in 2004 for bringing in the big ones in quantity.

One thing about fisherman, they're known for tall tales, or exaggerating



SHOWING OFF their catches during a recent fishing trip are (above, from left) John Wilkison, John Hayes, Tim Baciu and Jack Sutherland. (At left) John Hayes pulls a bass during a trip to Canada.

Photos contributed

their success by adding an inch or two here or there. But, Hayes is quite the opposite. He fishes for sheer pleasure, and a decent nibble.

"There is nothing like catching a big steelhead with a 10-inch rod and four-pound test on an ultra-light reel," he reminisced of a recent trip to Lake Erie.

Hayes and a small group of others journey to Erie every spring and fall and "If you turn the drag off, they fight,"

he said. "It's you and the crank against the fish. It's kind of neat."

Indeed, that primitive pull is what lures many anglers to the rustic line-and-pole sport. But there are other rewards.

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### Thought for the Week

Robert Louis Stevenson once said: "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves all of us not to talk about the rest of us." We're sure you have all heard this much quoted saying. You probably have also heard: "If you can't say anything nice about somebody, don't say anything at all." There is much wisdom in this advice because much damage can be done by gossip - unintentionally or intentionally.

So much of what we hear about somebody is usually exaggerated. To repeat it only adds further exaggeration. Mark Twain once said that "A lie can travel around the world while the truth is still lacing up its boots."

Isn't it true that if we fill our minds and our time with constructive thoughts and endeavors there will be little time to busy our minds with the failings of other human beings? Isn't it true that BUSY MINDS don't have time to be BUSY BODIES?...



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## GONE FISHIN'

### Anglers set out to catch limits

bring back loads of trout, walleye, pike and bass.

"We brought back 60-plus fish," he said of the last trip. "We limited out on bass."

They fillet the fish on the scene, freeze them in a vacuum pack and head back for a fish fry.

"We use cornmeal, flour and egg," he said. "There is nothing like fresh-breaded walleye. Erie has great bass and walleye."

Hayes also makes trips to Canada. He and his son-in-law, Jack Sutherland, and others recently visited Wapusk Creek, which empties into the Montreal River.

We throw the 13- and 14-inchers back," he said of the bass. "Most are 16-inches and above. Some are in the 19- to 20-inch range."

But for all his traveling, Hayes says there is plenty of good fishing right here in the Sewickley Valley and adjacent areas.

"You can always pull a bass out of the [Ohio River]," he said. "It's clean enough for bass, and they like clean water."

"Of course, anyone can pull out a carp."

Hayes said he will have to miss the upcoming 2005 Citgo Bassmaster Classic, which is coming to Pittsburgh July 29-

31 and will take place on the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers.

Hayes said it is no secret why the Steel City is hosting the tournament that is expect-

ed to draw approximately 45,000 people and create more than \$29 million in revenue for the local economy.

"There is a lot of good fishing around here," he said.



**JOHN WILKISON** prepares a line during a trip to Canada with three others from the area. The group of avid anglers take several fishing trips every year.

*Photo contributed*

## Sewickley Area Soccer announces registration dates

Sewickley Area Soccer will hold registration for the Fall 2005 season July 30 in front of Osborne Elementary School from 10 a.m. to noon.

Children ages 5 through 18 are eligible to play.

Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.sewickleyareasoccer.com](http://www.sewickleyareasoccer.com).

### UPCOMING

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The Fern Hollow Nature Center announces a "Good

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## Sports editor laments extreme boating expedition

"I feel like a truck hit me," Susie would confess the next day.

We arrived about 45 minutes early on a hot Saturday morning and used our spare time to appreciate a well-manicured area extending from Millvale's river banks.

Just before 9 a.m., we made our way to the association headquarters where we met Kit, a dragon boat instructor.

After a brief stretching routine and safety briefing, we signed a waiver stating something to the effect that, should we fall into the river and drown during the race, the other paddlers will throw rice at us to keep us from being eaten by "The Great Dragon", or its modern-day and geological equivalent, "The Big-Lipped Carp".

Despite the dangers of suffering severe rice-welts and being sucked into the belly of a giant carp, the turnout was huge. We had enough paddlers to fill two boats and have races after several arm- and back-wrenching water drills.

Susie and I sat in the boat's engine room, four rows from the front and one behind the pace-setters, although, we had hoped

to sit in the "lounge," the rear section near the steers person.

"Ooooh, maybe we can sit back there," Susie injected, as we eavesdropped on a conversation about the boat's different sections.

"... that would be nice," I sounded an agreeable rejoinder, just before we learned that the lounge, ironically, requires the most rigorous paddling.

We filed into the engine room without protest.

Equipped with a working knowledge of dragon boating terms, our crew of novice boaters pushed away from the dock near Washington's Landing and slowly paddled along the Allegheny River to Kit's melancholy drum.

We began with four exaggerated "pry strokes" to get the boat moving, then were instructed to perform five "transition strokes."

It was quite relaxing and reminded me of long-forgotten summers I'd spent as a child canoeing the placid lakes of New York's serene Adirondack region.

But this soon changed, along with Kit's drumming, which got faster and faster. We were instructed to "pick up the

speed!" with 20 fast strokes and "even out" for the next several strokes.

On rare occasions, we had the pleasure of "letting it run," and the boat would drift soothingly down the river.

After practicing these drills several times, Kit taught us the real meaning of pain.

When the "SPRINT!!!" command is issued near the end of a race, it is designed to compel paddlers to exert enough effort to actually get the boat airborne, causing it to move at speeds that would rival the more compassionately designed motorized speedboats of today.

It was grueling, but for fear of being ostracized by the others, we had no option but to continue paddling to the seemingly endless drone of Kit's brazen beats.

Then the races began.

The first 250-meter race proved as much as any of us could (or wanted to) handle, being a bit worn out from the drills.

But after holding a brief counsel (that excluded the paddlers' objections) with other instructors, Kit decided we could handle one more.

"Just think, this is two minutes of your life," she encouraged us from her lofty drum lair. "Then you can relax."

"Attention please!" someone beckoned. "... Ready! ... Go!"

It was all we could do to get the boat moving.

"LET'S GO! LET'S GO!" Kit seemed to transform into a giant dragon right before my eyes, which were glued to the finish line.

Two minutes stretched into eternity as we sloppily fell out of sync with the roaring drum-beat and each other.

Then it came ... "SPRINT!!!" Kit pounded relentlessly on her drum ... to little effect.

The boat seemed to gain 50 pounds as several paddlers succumbed to fatigue and stopped paddling altogether.

It was a slow, labored finish, but eventually, we made it to the dock — wet, sore and exhausted.

We wiped the boats down and put them away before being treated to sodas, snacks and vegetarian hot dogs, which reminded me of the popular ancient Chinese proverb:

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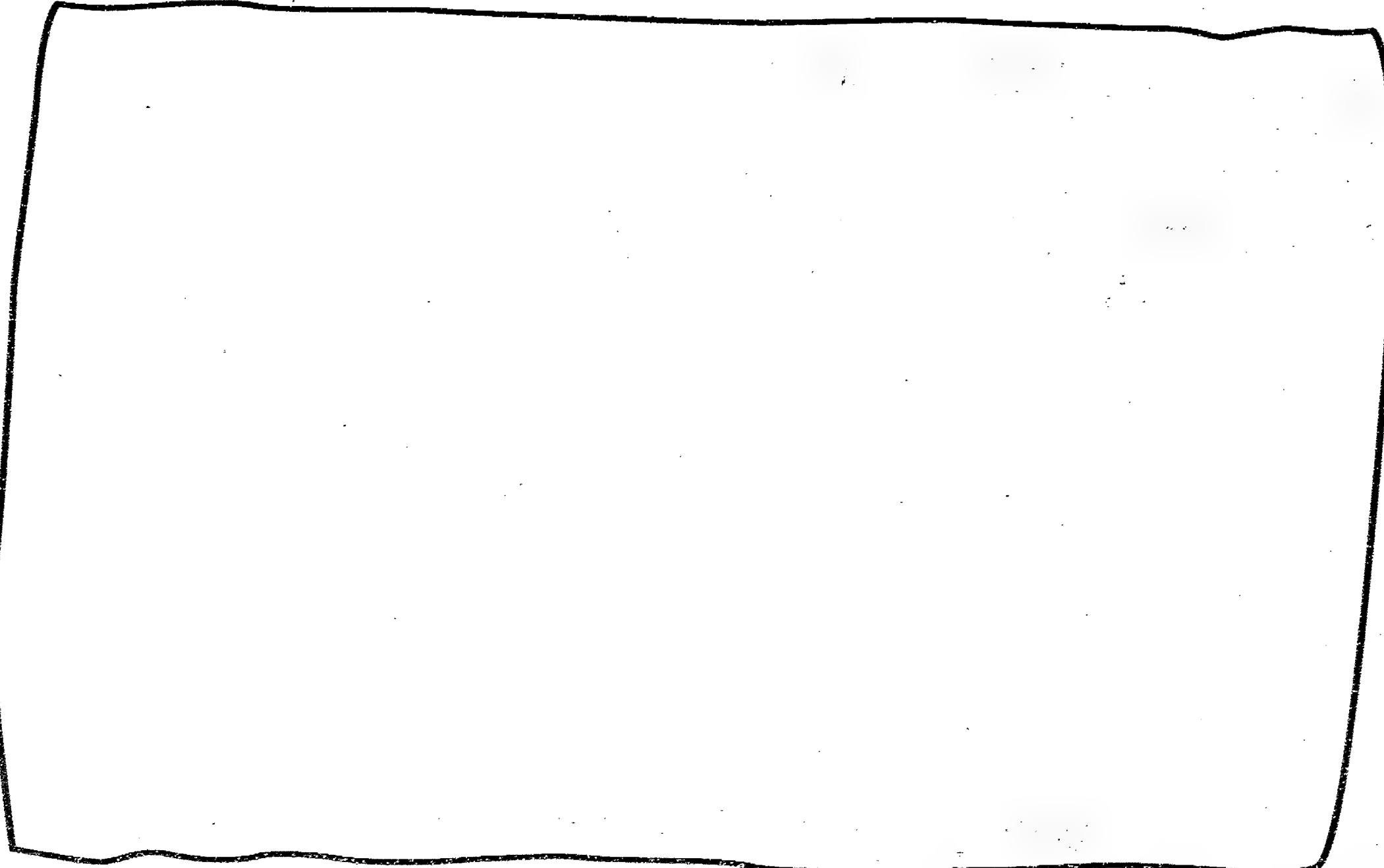


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## GOLF

The Woodlands hosts golf classic

The 5th Annual Woodlands Golf Classic will tee-off at the Fox Chapel Golf Club Monday, Aug. 1.

Congresswoman Melissa Hart will be the special guest. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with registration, lunch and tee-off at noon.

At 5 p.m., the evening program begins with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and an auction.

For more information, call Kelly Scott at 724-935-6533, or e-mail: kscott@woodlands-foundation.org.

■ The Woodlands Foundation offers its "No Handicap" Golf Club and programs for children and adults with disabilities to learn to play golf in individual and group settings.

Monday evening group golf is now under way through Aug. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The cost for this eight-week session is \$65.

Patrick Monaghan, certified therapeutic recreation therapist, and Tracy Brothers, from the Ladies Professional Golf Association, will instruct individuals on the correct techniques based on their particular abilities.

They also will teach basic skills, safety and sportsmanship that should be used on the golf course.

The Woodlands' "No Handicap" Golf Club is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities and offers adaptive equipment, such as right- and left-handed golf clubs, short clubs, teeing sticks, ball retrievers, grips and adaptive golf carts.

In addition to the Monday evening program, the Woodlands offers individual golf lessons to individuals of any age with disability who prefer one-on-one instruction at times other than Monday nights.

A series of four lessons is \$50, eight is \$100 and 16 is \$200.

Also starting up is a senior weekly league, available to seniors with physical limitations.

For more information, call Patrick Monaghan at 724-935-6533.



# SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE

## DESIGN OF THE WEEK

## Heartcrest style brings living into great space

The two wings stretching out from the Heartcrest's hexagonal core appear to extend a welcoming embrace to family and friends. They wrap around a recessed entry courtyard that focuses attention on the vaulted porch entry.

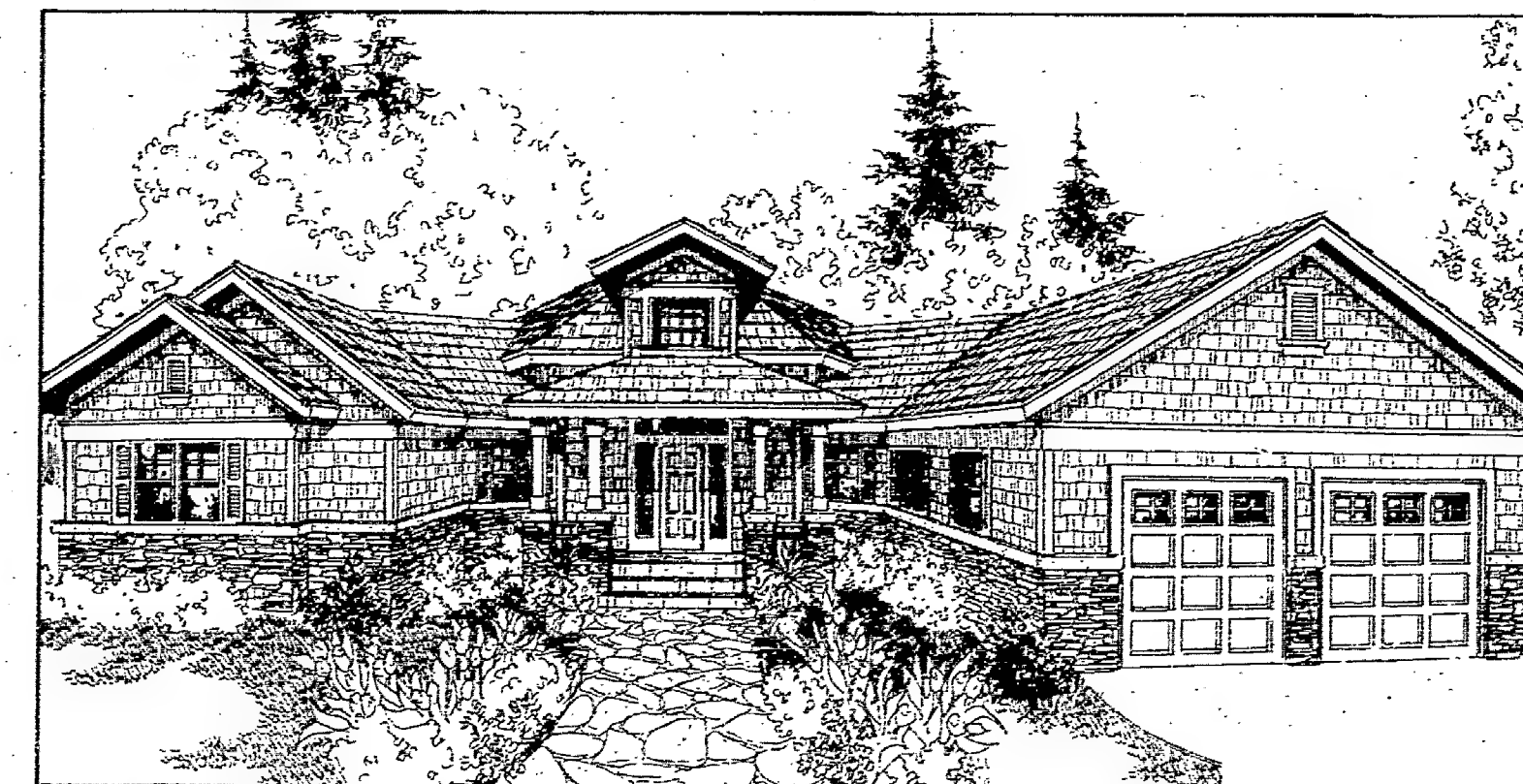
Handsome stone veneer bases link the handrails and underlie the wooden porch supports. Stone veneer wainscoting rims the entire exterior perimeter, while rustic cedar shakes cover the upper sections and painted shutters highlight the windows.

The back side, with its wide deck spanning the entire rear, is equally attractive. Its vaulted, covered deck is a dramatic eye catcher.

Inside, another lofty, vaulted ceiling expands the sense of spaciousness in the window-bright entry and rear half of the great room. Coat closets flank the front door, and more light washes down through the overhead dormer.

The master suite and den/office are down the hallway to the far left. Living room access is near left and the kitchen is near right. Secondary bedrooms, a bathroom, utilities, basement stairs and garage access are down the far right hallway.

The kitchen ceiling is flat. This space is almost totally open to the great room. A long, raised eating bar bounds one edge, creating an inviting locale for snacking,



chatting, and homework supervision. Cupboard and counter space is plentiful, boosted by a central work island and a roomy pantry.

Windows fill most of three walls in the vaulted great room. Four atrium doors offer access to the vaulted, covered deck at center back, and more light spills in through tall windows on both sides of the fireplace.

The Heartcrest's master suite boasts a spacious sitting area, large walk-in closet,

and luxurious, skylit bathroom.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, OR 97402. Specify the Heartcrest 10-526 and include a return address when ordering.

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## Thinking of Buying or Selling?

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## JUST LISTED IN SEWICKLEY VILLAGE



**Quintessential Village Victorian!**  
Enjoy coming home to this absolutely perfect turn-of-the-century Sewickley Village Victorian. Located just blocks from all of the wonderful amenities of Sewickley, you will be impressed by the sizeable rooms and the huge yard. Main level features include bright eat-in kitchen, inviting dining room and family room with gas log fireplace, plus bath and main level laundry. Lower level has been finished with office and gameroom. Fenced tabletop lot in great neighborhood.  
\$299,900



**Remodeled Village Carriage House!**  
Originally the carriage house to a Sewickley estate home, this centrally located village home has been tastefully remodeled and is situated on a large lot with inviting patio and detached garage. Inside, the charms of a bygone era will captivate you! Special features include newer eat-in kitchen open to a family area, large living and dining rooms, main level study, four plus bedrooms (including main level bedroom), upper level laundry and two full bathrooms. Enjoy central village living at its best.  
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## REAL ESTATE TODAY

April 15th has come and gone, and please forgive me, but it's not too early to start considering the tax benefits of home ownership for 2005. Be brilliantly prepared for next April by taking all the right steps now.

Your biggest deduction will probably be the interest paid on

## The Tax Man Goeth!



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your mortgage. In addition to building equity, this deduction is a great reason to stop renting and buy a home.

Your lender provides a Form 1098 at the end of the year stating how much interest you paid, but look for another important item. The 1098 also shows the property tax paid (this comes out of the escrow funds). Whether you or your lender pays the property tax, you can deduct that too.

Did you, or do you plan to, purchase or refinance this year? Hurry before interest rates continue rising, and be sure to deduct the "points." A point is a fee equal to one percent of the loan, often paid up front when you buy or amortize when you refinance. Deduct the full value for your purchase, or deduct a fraction if you've refinanced. When you sell or pay off the home, the remainder is also deductible.

Talk to a tax advisor and realty professional today to make sure you get all of the homeowners' deductions and benefits that you deserve for 2005!

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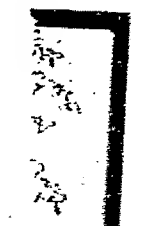
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**568015**  
Totally renovated 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath Tudor in Sewickley Ridge. Great open floor plan. Wonderful kitchen and airy breakfast room. Finished game room with fireplace. Oversized 2 car garage.  
**Shirley Barker \$259,900**

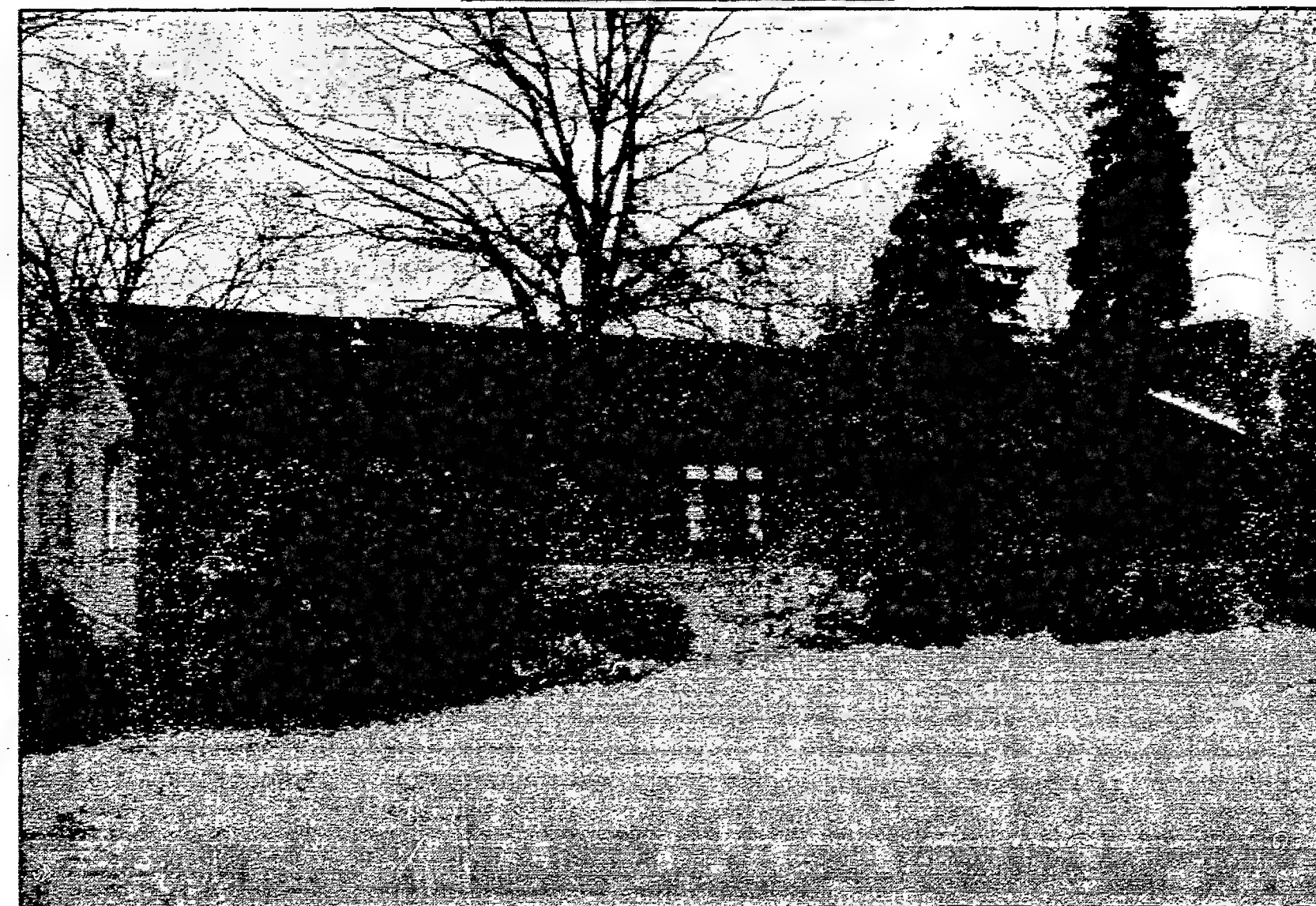
**554173**  
Three bedrooms, 2 full baths. Updated kitchen & baths. Fenced in yard with a large side yard and a 20x13 rear deck. One car garage and a carport.  
**Drago Cveticovich \$99,900**

**566894**  
Beautifully refinished 6 bedroom, 2 bath Victorian on a fenced corner lot in historical Sewickley. Refurnished hardwood floors, pocket doors, sunroom and built-in China Cabinet. Even a garage and off-street parking.  
**Robin Ross \$358,000**

**554505**  
Solidly built country home with 4 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Features a dining room with a stone fireplace and a 22x14 Florida room off a finished basement Workshop in the basement.  
**Rick Xander \$159,900**

## SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE

### HOME OF THE WEEK



ENJOY ONE-LEVEL living in this spacious brick ranch is situated on a table-top lot in a prime village location at 521 Chestnut Road, Edgeworth. The main level features a living room with fireplace and hardwood flooring, dining room with hardwood flooring, powder room and an eat-in kitchen. Also included on the main level are four bedrooms and two full baths. This home is close to everything. It is being offered at \$349,500. Call Betty Moraca at Howard Hanna Real Estate at 412-741-9202 or 412-741-2200.

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**Village Home**

Attractive one owner home on level lot in village. First floor offers formal living & dining rooms. An eat-in kitchen has bay window and sitting area with sliding doors to patio. First floor laundry, powder room & double attached garage. Upstairs has three nice bright bedrooms and two full baths. Asking \$365,000. For private appointment call Kathy Brandt 412-741-6312 or e-mail [kathy@sewicklyrealtor.com](mailto:kathy@sewicklyrealtor.com)

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## SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE

### MARKET WATCH

### Who's buying, who's selling

#### Haysville

George Rosenfelder sold property at 34 South Ave. to Joseph Schwoegl for \$54,000.

#### Leet

Alexander Alan Turfe sold property at 314 Kenney Drive to Paragon Relocation Resources Inc. for \$387,500.

Paragon Relocation Resources Inc. sold property at 314 Kenney Drive to Vincent Mark

Cantalamesa for \$395,000.

#### Leetsdale

Nancy DiMarzio sold property at 140 Victory Lane to Mathrin and Cynthia Hays for \$57,000.

#### Osborne

Estate of Peter King sold property at 521 Park Lane to Randall Scott Hardy for \$65,000.

#### Sewickley



Michael Spence sold property at 439 Beaver St. to EL Capitan Enterprises L.P. for \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a

value of \$200,518).

Anne McK Murdock sold property at 316 Beaver St. 202 to Jane Black for \$275,000.

#### Sewickley Heights

John Day sold property at 502 Hillside Drive to Philip David and Barbara Jean Adelson for \$1,050,000.

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**LEETSDALE**

**OPEN SUN 1-4**

18 Beaver Rd. - This wonderful 3 story home features a comfortable living room, separate dining room and beautiful equipped kitchen. There are 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths with extra space on the third floor. Central air. Great yard and 2 car garage. Dir. Rt. 65 to Red Belt (Cross St.). L. on Beaver to home on R (Park in lot next door). \$87,000

**SEWICKLEY**

**OPEN SUN 1-4**

605 Nevin Ave. - This charming three story home is located in the Village and offers wonderful convenience. The home is in pristine condition and offers a large living room, formal dining room and efficient kitchen. There are 3 bedrooms on the second level with additional space on the third floor. Beautiful architectural details and gleaming hardwood floors. Full length covered front porch. Dir. Rt. 65 to Chestnut St., R. Beaver St., L. Nevin Ave. to home on L. \$359,000

**SEWICKLEY**

**OPEN SUN 1-4**

608 Mulberry St. - This charming cottage style home is currently under renovation. Centrally located in the Village offering convenience to shops and transportation. Nice sized rooms include a living room, dining room and kitchen on the main level and 2 bedrooms on the second floor. There is a pretty courtyard to enjoy summer evenings. Dir. Rt. 65 to Broad St., R. Centennial Ave., L. Mulberry. (Several other homes open in same location) \$129,000

**LEET TOWNSHIP**

**JUST LISTED**

"Quaker Heights" This fabulous home has been completely updated with a new kitchen and baths, a finished lower level game room and much more. There are 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Large, manicured backyard. 2 car integral garage. Immaculate condition. \$179,900

**BELL ACRES**

**OPEN SUN 1-4**

"Charleston Square" This wonderful new neighborhood is located only minutes from historic Sewickley Village and offers expansive lots with 200' frontage and a 2 acre minimum. Model home available - "French Country" design offers wonderful space and light. Fabulous eat-in kitchen. 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. First floor master suite. Custom builders include Bachman Builders, William Hinton and Sons and Hendolhurst, Inc. Dir. Beaver Rd. to Campmeeting Rd. to L. into Charleston Square. Packages from the \$700's.

**EDGEWORTH**

**NEW LISTING**

This impeccable home is conveniently located in the heart of Edgeworth on a beautiful, level lot. Features of this lovely home include a large living room with a fireplace, formal dining room and equipped kitchen. There are three bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Spacious lower level game room. Wonderful screened side porch. Everything has been freshly painted. 2 car integral garage. Just move in! \$239,500

**SEWICKLEY**

**NEW LISTING**

729 Nevin Ave. Charming Village home offers wonderful space and many nice features including a comfortable living room, formal dining room, and equipped kitchen. Updated furnace and central air. Refinished floors and new tile floor in kitchen. Freshly painted inside and out. Corner lot. Call for appointment. Dir. Beaver to Nevin. \$225,000

**EDGEWORTH**

**OPEN SUN 1-4**

"Hillcrest" - This remarkable turn-of-the-century home is truly an outstanding example of a sensitive restoration. Sited on over 12 acres of premium hill top property, there is a year round view of the Ohio River Valley. The spacious rooms of this fine home include a fabulous living room with a fireplace, a handsome dining room with fireplace, wonderful equipped eat-in kitchen, family room, den and game room all located on the first floor. The upper level includes 5 large bedrooms and there are 5 full and 2 half baths. 3 car integral garage and much more. Make an appointment to see this spectacular home. \$1,650,000

**BELL ACRES**

**NEW PRICE**

Exceptional brick Colonial located on a beautiful wooded lot along a peaceful cul-de-sac in a great neighborhood. Features of this fine home include a large living room with gas log fireplace, handsome dining room, eat-in kitchen and cozy family room. There are 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Recent updates include new windows, furnace, central air, garage doors/openers and much more. Magnificent view and well landscaped yard with specimen plantings. \$539,000

**EDGEWORTH**

**NEW LISTING**

Charming turn-of-the-century carriage style home that offers both seclusion and convenience. Features include a gourmet kitchen and adjoining family room. This home is bright and spacious and offers a large living room and dining room with beautiful views. There are 4 bedrooms and 4 full baths. The large rear deck is perfect for summer entertaining. 2 car garage and much more. Call to arrange an appointment. \$835,000

**LEET TOWNSHIP**

This charming one story cottage style home offers a huge great room with a vaulted/ beamed ceiling and skylights. There are three bedrooms and an updated bath. Nicely equipped kitchen and new roof. 3 car garage. All is situated on a 1.7 acre lot just minutes from Sewickley Village. \$160,000





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David Dean 412-741-2200 \$225,000

### 306 HIGHLAND LANE



New construction in the Village. Enjoy this new home with a huge great room with a fireplace and spacious gathering kitchen. Main level bedroom plus two more bedrooms on the second level. Two bathrooms, hardwood floors, ceramic tile floors and wall to wall carpeting. Two car garage. A great opportunity for a new home in the heart of Edgeworth.

Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$249,500

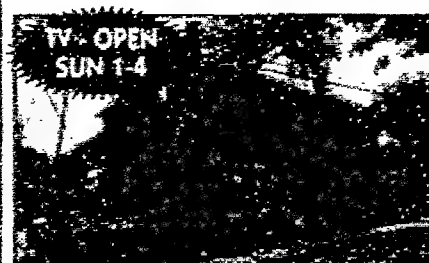
### 520 STRAIGHT STREET



Beautifully maintained Colonial in the center of the Village. Spacious formal entry, living room and dining room. Updated equipped kitchen, first laundry room and great storage. Three bedrooms on the second floor with room for a second bathroom. Central air conditioning, welcoming front porch and newer garage. A great home, ready to be called your own.

David Dean 412-741-2200 \$250,000

### 226 FERRY STREET



A wonderful value in the heart of the Village, a two story, solid brick, Colonial. Grand room sized with a formal living room, welcoming dining room and large equipped gathering kitchen plus a family room/den. Four spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms and potential guest's suite. Paneling, French doors, stone fireplace and three porches. Two-car garage. A great value and within walking distance of all the village amenities.

Minta Roberts Bauer 412-741-2200 \$290,000

### BELL ACRES REFINEMENT



Bright, open entry to the gallery-like, open floor plan, featuring cathedral ceilings, and hardwood floors. Any living room and formal dining room with an all new equipped professional kitchen adjacent to the family room with a fireplace, great for casual living. Carefully renovated lower level with unmatched game room, full kitchen, bathroom, and walk-out exit to the patio and large, secluded yard. Two-car attached garage. This unique home, nestled in mature landscaping, captures the serenity from the beautiful windows and deck. A delightful home loaded with amenities.

Angie Haskell 412-741-2200 \$425,000

### THE RIDGE



Practically new, the best in one-level living. Hardwood floors in the entry leading to the vaulted great room with a clean modern floor and majestic fireplace. Oversized deck adjacent to the great room via French doors. Custom maple kitchen with stainless steel appliances and center island, a bright, welcoming work space. Formal dining room. Spacious first floor master suite with walk-in closets and a cool, refreshing bathroom. Lower level family room with fireplace, French doors to the patio. Three bedrooms and bathroom, private exercise room behind glass doors and storage. Two car attached garage on the main level. A wonderful home with every detail.

Linda Taylor 412-741-2200 \$499,000

### SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS PROVINCIAL



Wonderful two-story newer brick provincial just minutes to the village in Sewickley Heights. Formal living room and dining room with hardwood floors. Equipped kitchen with white cabinets and breakfast area. Built-in units in the den, family room with beamed ceiling and access to the partially covered deck. Elegant master suite with whirlpool bath and walk-in closet. A total of four bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Lower level with stone faced fireplace, wet bar and full bath. This home is just waiting to be called your own!

Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$559,500

### 1440 BEAVER ROAD



Step back to the charm of one of the original pre-Civil War Osborne homes. Grand center hall entry leading to the generous double porches, dining room, den with built-ins, and equipped modern center island kitchen with maple cabinets. Gas log fireplace, wood floors and great architectural details are only part of the amenities. Five bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms plus two additional rooms on the third floor. Wonderful large lot plus an available adjacent lot. Call today for all the details and a private showing.

Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$569,500

### 112 BEAVER CREEK



Enjoy a spectacular view of the fourth hole from this two-story brick provincial. Towering entry leading to the grand living room and dining room, and professional chef's kitchen with cherry cabinets and granite counter tops. Adjacent family room and main level den. Four bedrooms, three bathrooms and two powder rooms. Lower level finished game room and three car garage. Enjoy the leisure of this community.

Judy McKnight 412-741-2200 \$572,500

### GRAND VILLAGE COLONIAL



Magnificent three story brick Colonial in the heart of Sewickley with welcoming front porch and grand entry hall with an open stairway and leaded glass Palladian window, loaded with architectural detail. Formal drawing room, dining room and spacious family kitchen with every amenity. Up to seven wonderful bedroom spaces and 3+2 never bathrooms. Beautiful mantles, hardwood floors and wood molding detail. Enjoy the grandeur of this well maintained home, central to all that defines great Village living.

Angie Haskell 412-741-2200 \$595,000

### SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS COLONIAL



Gracious Colonial in the center of Sewickley Heights with a welcoming country lane approach. Bright and airy foyer with views of the terrace and gardens and open stairway to the second floor. Magnificent living room, dining room and family room, perfect for entertaining. Main level den with full bathroom. Teletop lot with serene pavilion and pool. Experience the solitude, yet quick access to the village.

Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$1,250,000

### MAJESTIC SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS



Superior brick Southern Colonial in an elegant Sewickley Heights setting over six professionally landscaped acres. Grand center hall entry with sweeping stairway, graciously proportioned formal drawing room with adjacent sun room. Formal dining room, paneled library with fireplace and built-in and main level guest suite. Spectacular new gourmet pantry and center island kitchen adjacent to the towering two plus story family room and loft. Six bedrooms, seven bathrooms and two powder rooms. A Hallmark in architectural design.

Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$2,850,000

## HOME TIPS

## Composting, quick and easy

A well maintained and active compost pile will convert organic material to compost in as little as 30 days. Left to nature, it could take several months or even a year.

The byproduct of active decomposition is heat. Have you ever seen a large 20 foot pile of wood chips at your local nursery in the middle of the winter? You may have observed it smoking.

A pile can actually become so hot that it ignites. This is a not so rare an occurrence, most commonly occurring in large town or industrial composting.

The basics to good composting:

1. Select an area to create your pile.
2. Many people opt to close in their pile with fencing or acquire a home composter. Home composters are neat and more aesthetically pleasing than a pile of weeds in the middle of your yard.
3. Add any organic matter from your garden or yard.
4. Also include any vegetable waste from your kitchen, including egg shells, coffee grounds, tea bags, etc.

5. If possible, alternate layers of green (new) and brown waste. This helps the mixing process, and aids in decomposition.

6. Keep the compost pile moist, but not wet.

7. Turn the pile over from time to time to maximize air circulation to the bacteria and microbes that "eat" and convert your pile into rich compost.

8. Use the compost after it has almost completely turned into soil. It will be rich in nutrients and minerals.

Along with heat, odor is another common by-product of your compost pile. You can keep odor to a minimum by turning the pile regularly.

One of the most common culprits is grass clippings piled too thickly. Make sure to mix them in well.

Do not put animal remains or meat and fats from cooking in the pile. While they may be rich in nutrients, they attract unwanted little "critters."

From [www.gardenersnet.com](http://www.gardenersnet.com)

## FYI

## Open house at Masonic Village

The Masonic Village at Sewickley marketing staff invites anyone interested in learning more about the retirement living accommodations now available to attend an open house tour on Thursday, July 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the clubhouse and various accommodations, ask questions of the marketing staff and enjoy refreshments.

For directions to the Masonic Village, 1000 Masonic Drive, or to schedule a personal appointment, call 412-741-1400, Ext. 3530.

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NOTICE**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEVILLE TOWNSHIP WILL CONSIDER THE ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING A CURFEW, THUS AMENDING, REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 465 AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREIN AT A MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OF NEVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 GRAND AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

The title and summary of the proposed Ordinance are as follows:

**TITLE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEVILLE, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A CURFEW, THUS AMENDING, REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #465 AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

**SUMMARY**

The proposed Ordinance will replace Township Ordinance 465 and will prescribe, in accordance with prevailing community standards, regulations for the conduct of minors on streets at night, for the protection of younger children in the Township from each other and from other person on the street during night time hours, for the enforcement of parental control and responsibility for their children, establishing procedures for violations and penalties.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance may be examined in the office of the Township Secretary, without charge, during regular business hours.

**TOWNSHIP OF NEVILLE**  
Denise Moore, Township Secretary

(672 7-20-05, 1T)

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY  
OFFICIAL NOTICE**

The Zoning Hearing Board, Borough of Sewickley, will hear the following appeals and/or variances for the same on August 2, 2005 at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Jamie & Teresa Hammond, owners of the property at 321 Centennial Ave., Block & Lot # 508-N-166, in the R-1A Zoning District, propose to erect a garage and seek relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 2 Section 207 Table 2 (Dimensional Requirements).

Charles & Elaine Means, owners of the property at 317 Reelless St., Block & Lot # 421-E-66, in the R-1A Zoning District, propose to erect 3 additions and seek relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 2 Section 207 Table 2 (Dimensional Requirements).

People who wish to comment, may do so at the above scheduled public hearing. A copy of the Sewickley Borough Zoning Code is available for public use at the Sewickley Public Library or at the Borough Manager's office. The Building Permit application is available for review at the Office of Building Inspections.

Michael M. Lyons  
Zoning Hearing Board  
Borough of Sewickley

(645 7-13, 7-20-05, 2T)

**(NOTICE OF FINAL ENACTMENT)  
NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on July 11, 2005, at the public hearing at Sewickley Hills Municipal Building the Borough Council of the Borough of Sewickley Hills enacted an Ordinance authorizing the Borough to incur noncurrent debt in the amount of \$150,000.00 by entering into a General Obligation Note (known as the Loan Agreement) with the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities (AIM) for a project to be financed in that amount with the proceeds of the loan received from the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities for the purpose of improvement and completion of the Municipal Building; agreeing to set forth in the agreement; approving the form and the agreement; authorizing other necessary and proper action and repealing inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions. The noncurrent debt is payable over five years at an interest rate of 3.23% per annum. No amendments were made during final passage.

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**MARIANNE WAGNER**  
BOARD SECRETARY

(650 7-13, 7-20, 7-27-05, 3T)

**LEGAL NOTICE  
BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**

Notice is hereby given that the Edgeworth Zoning Hearing Board ("Board") will conduct a public hearing on August 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Edgeworth Borough Building, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143 concerning the following matter:

1. At 7:30 p.m. the Board will consider a request by Mr. and Mrs. David Genter for property located at 230 Church Lane for a variance from Article V, Section 130-21(B) of Chapter 130 of the Code of the Borough of Edgeworth ("the Code"), as amended, concerning the minimum rear yard setback in the R-2 zoning district.

Plans and other documents that have been filed with the Board concerning the above may be reviewed by any interested party during regular business hours at the Borough Office, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143.

**Martin C. McDaniel**  
Borough Manager/Zoning Officer

(663 7-20, 7-27-05, 2T)

**CERTIFICATE OF  
ORGANIZATION**

**WILLIAM C. KACZYNSKI**, Atty., 1208 Manor Complex, 564 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Organization was filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a limited liability company formed under the Limited Liability Corporation Law of 1994. The name of the company is CST PROPERTIES, L.L.C.

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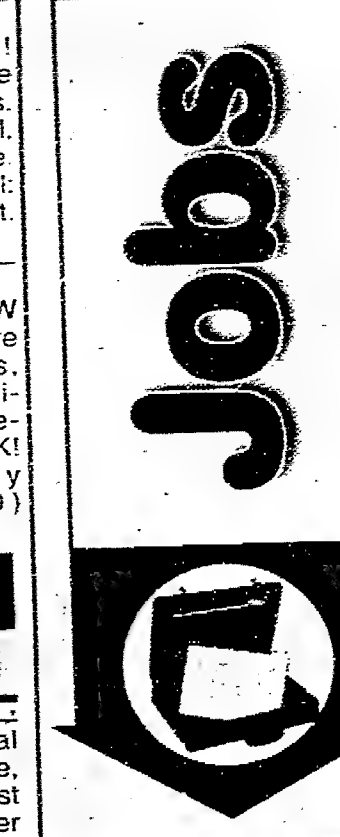
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(NAPSI)—As stress has become an everyday reality, it's become increasingly important to create a tranquil environment at home to combat the effects of constant tension on your mind, body and soul.

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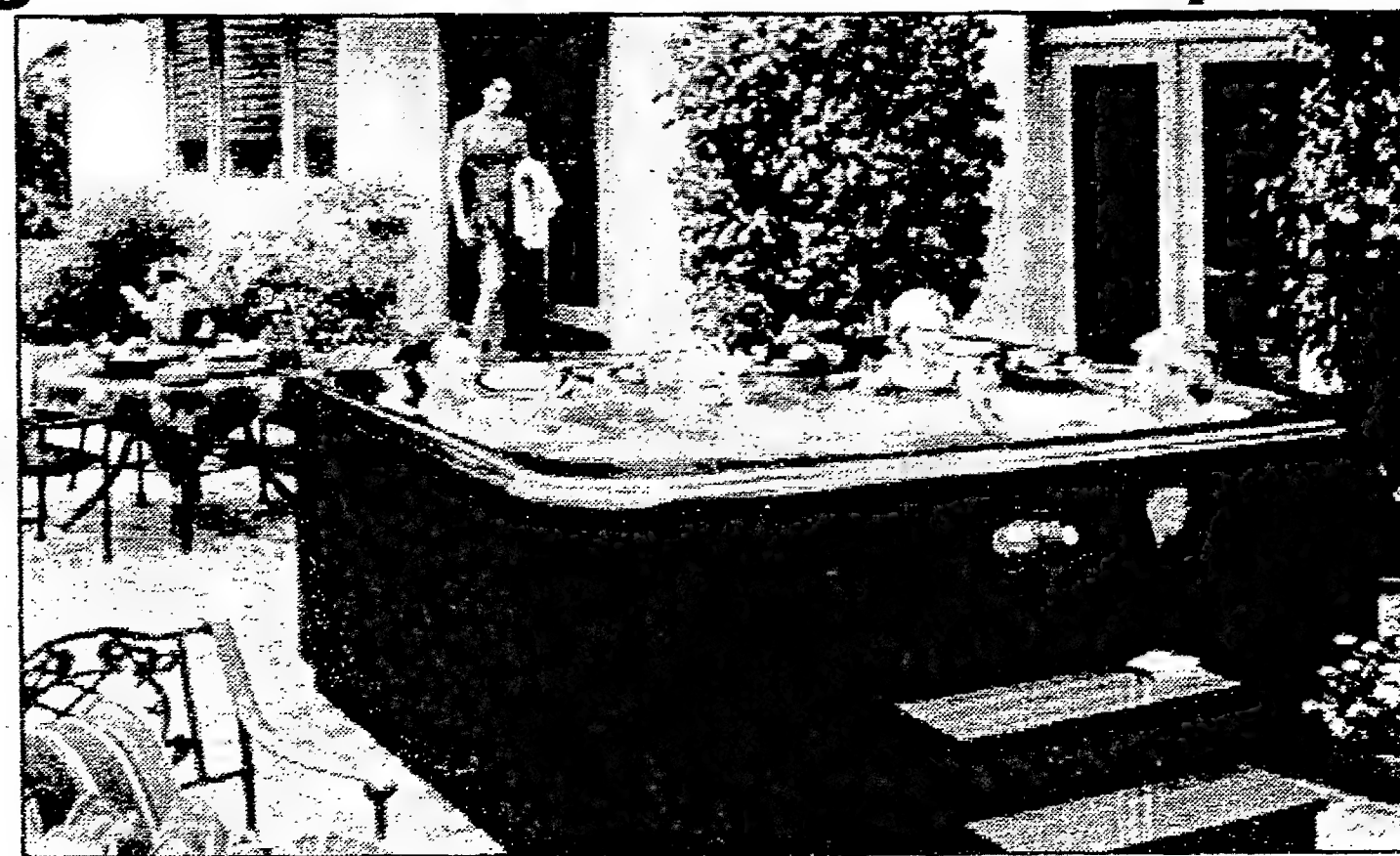
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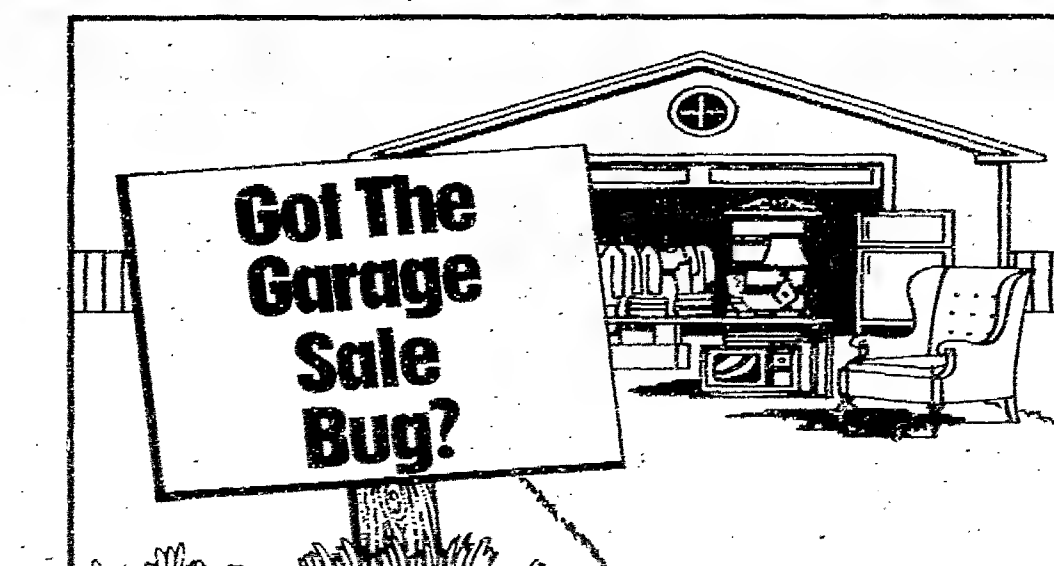
Integrating a water garden is also a very popular option. Water gardens can easily be created in all shapes and sizes and designed to fit virtually any existing landscape. By incorporating a variety of decorative rocks

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(ARA) - No matter how big your house is, you've probably desired more space at one time or another. We all accumulate clutter and sometimes there just doesn't seem to be anywhere to put it. But before you call the contractor for bids, consider this: maybe it's not a shortage of space but a lack of organization that's the problem.

Using your space effectively goes a long way toward keeping your home both functional and beautiful at the same time. By thinking and constructing creatively, you can gain more storage while enhancing the beauty of your home.

Here are some ideas for creating more space that has style:

\* Add a drawer or sliding shelf. Hardware and houseware stores stock drawers that can be installed underneath a cabinet. If you have a home with limited drawer space, this is a great way to add more storage discreetly. Then you can get all that clutter off the kitchen counter or the dining room table. You can also install shelves under cabinets that slide out when you



need them.

\* Don't forget wall space. Look around your house and you will probably find there is a lot of wall space that you could put to good use. Pots and pans can be taken out of cabinets and hung on walls; tools can be hung on pegboards; books, CDs and small treasures can be stored on shelves.

\* Utilize "Lost Space" by creating additional storage. "A new cabinet or bookcase provides a nice focal point for a room as well as additional storage," says Glen Kaszubski, of Liquid Nails, a national construction adhesive brand. He suggests that homeowners think

about those areas that are "lost space" such as the alcoves on either side of a fireplace or the corners of a dining room. Using a construction adhesive like Liquid Nails and various types of building supplies (MDF or bead board are two inexpensive options), you can build your own durable bookcase without using a lot of nails and screws. To obtain a finished look and add an element of beauty, apply facings and crown molding along the edges with construction adhesive.

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\* Clear your desk. A clean desk will not only look better it will increase your productivity. Invest in a sturdy full-suspension filing cabinet or portable file boxes that hold hanging file folders so you can get everything organized and out of sight. Stow away your desk supplies in an on-desk caddy or in a drawer.

\* Think multi-function. Add some furniture that can also be used for storage. A cedar chest makes a great coffee table and can also be used to store blankets or clothing. An antique chest of drawers will look great in your living room, and is useful for storing office supplies, linens or CDs.

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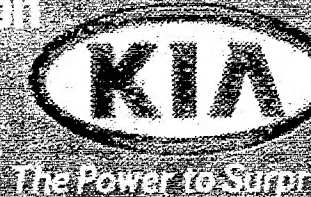
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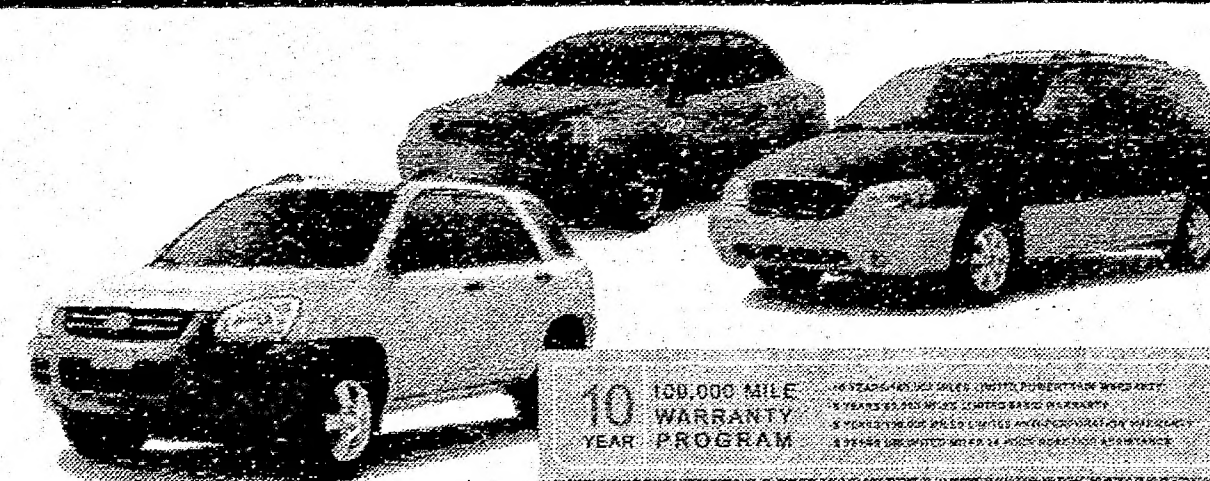
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